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MASTERY RETIRED TO CLAIBORNE

Mastery | *Benoit photo*

Cheyenne Stables' '**TDN Rising Star**' **Mastery** (Candy Ride {Arg}--Steady Course, by Old Trieste), who earned the top Beyer Speed Figure (105) of any sophomore male thus far in 2017 when romping home by 6 3/4 lengths in the GII San Felipe S. (video) in March, has been officially retired from racing and arrived Monday at Claiborne Farm, where he will begin his stud career in 2018.

Bred by Arthur Hancock's Stone Farm, Mastery was acquired by Everett Dobson's operation for $425,000 at the 2015 Keeneland September sale and earned his '**Rising Star**' nod with a front-running maiden win over six furlongs at Santa Anita in October 2016. An all-the-way winner of his black-type debut in the GIII Bob Hope S. Nov. 19 at Del Mar (video), the dark bay thrashed future Grade I winner Irap (Tiznow) by 7 1/4 lengths in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity (video) to complete a perfect freshman season. A leading winter book chance for the GI Kentucky Derby, Mastery made his return to the races in the San Felipe, drawing off down the lane to an impressive success, but he was pulled up on the gallop out and was subsequently diagnosed with a condylar fracture of his left front leg.

"He was just starting to mature," trainer Bob Baffert commented. "I'm still sick about him getting hurt. It's safe to say he was on the same path as American Pharoah, the way he was dominating his races."

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BRISK OPENER TO OBS JUNE

by Jessica Martini

OCALA, FL--The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, the final stop in the juvenile sales season, began with a day of brisk trade Tuesday and a colt by First Dude leading the way when selling for $400,000.

"It was a good day and we're pleased with the results," confirmed OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "It was a good, solid day and we hope to follow it up tomorrow with another one."

For the first session of the two-day auction, 199 juveniles sold for $7,217,500. The average was $36,269--up 46.3% from a year ago--and the median of $18,000 was up 33.3% from 2016's figure.

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IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

VAZIRABAD WILL MISS GOLD CUP

Vazirabad (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}) will miss the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot next Thursday, after failing to recover from a setback he suffered during his last race at Chantilly.

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Countdown to Royal Ascot. *On June 16, 2009, Wesley Ward became the first North American trainer to win at Royal Ascot when Strike the Tiger, ridden by John Velazquez, posted a 33-1 upset in the Windsor Castle S. The following day, Jealous Again gave Ward a second victory when she captured the G2 Queen Mary S.* | *Racing Post*

OPPENHEIM: BELMONT FESTIVAL SIRES **8**
Bill Oppenheim takes a look at the winning stallions from the Belmont Racing Festival and where the big-name studs rank heading into the summer.

CHAMPION HANSEL DIES **RR1**
Lazy Lane Farm's Hansel (Woodman), who was champion 3-year-old colt in 1991 after winning the final two legs of the Triple Crown, was euthanized Tuesday at the age of 29.

Mastery Retired to Claiborne cont.

A half-brother to the stakes-winning Clear Sailing (Empire Maker), Mastery is a maternal grandson of MGSP Steady Cat (Storm Cat), herself the dam of GSW & GISP Jump Start (A.P. Indy). Steady Cat's daughter Lasting Appeal (A.P. Indy) is responsible for Conquest Windycity (Tiznow), a latest third to Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper) in the GIII Pimlico Special S.

Tom Ryan
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Following

MASTERY retired. he'll be booked full by September with a line out Paris pike. First mare SF will book is the dam of G2w Paid Up Subscriber.

Mastery retires unbeaten in his four career trips to the post with earnings of $511,200. A stud fee will be announced at a later date.

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Brisk Opener to OBS June cont.

Session-topping Hip 199 in the ring | *Judit Seipert*

During the opening session of last year's four-day sale, 147 horses sold for $3,645,300. The session average was $24,798 and the median was $13,500. The four-day average a year ago was $28,968 and the median was $13,500.

"This is the sale of last resort and the horses on the top end are fewer here than at most of the other sales," commented bloodstock agent Pete Bradley. "However, the right people are here for them and it looks like they are selling fairly well." **Cont. p4**

A great Maryland tradition: The MHBA Annual Yearling Show

Since 1932, Maryland breeders have showcased their yearlings at this prestigious event, parading their homebreds in front of such venerable horsemen as James E. (Sunny Jim) Fitzsimmons, Max Hirsch, Thomas J. Kelly, Carl Nafzgar, W.C. (Woody) Stephens, Virgil W. (Buddy) Raines, Claude (Shug) McGaughey, Horatio A. Luro, Humphrey S. Finney, William I. Mott, and many, many more. This Sunday at Timonium, Dale Romans joins this amazing list to judge over 110 Maryland-bred yearlings.

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SESSION TOTALS	2017	2016
• Catalogued	374	300
• No. Offered	258	213
• No. Sold	199	147
• RNAs	59	66
• % RNAs	22.9%	30.1%
• No. $100K+	17	6
• High Price	$400,000	$180,000
• Gross	$7,217,500	$3,645,300
• Average (% change)	$36,269 (+46.3%)	$24,798
• Median (% change)	$18,000 (+33.3%)	$13,500

Brisk Opener to OBS June cont.

Bloodstock agent Steve Young, who was able to purchase the first horse he bid on at the sale, agreed interest was high for the top offerings.

"I haven't bid on anything other than this horse," Young said after signing the ticket on a Curlin colt (hip 310). "But just by looking at the results, it appears that, although there aren't a lot of people here, the good horses are bringing what they are supposed to bring. It's the last sale of the year, so there are a lot of things that are different here than at other sales. But I think there are some very nice horses for June. This sale is the last go-around, so people have to have a mindset of what they want to do, whether they take what the market gives them or pick a trainer. This is the last chance they have to sell them."

With 59 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 22.9%.

"It looks like, from a quick glance at the results, the buy-back is fairly low," Bradley said. "People are here to sell their horses."

A colt by First Dude (hip 199), consigned by Top Line Sales on behalf of breeder David Dizney, brought the day's top price when selling for $400,000. Dizney himself signed the ticket on the juvenile after organizing a partnership to race the colt who worked a bullet quarter-mile during last Wednesday's under-tack preview.

The OBS June sale concludes with a session beginning at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

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Dizney Keeps His Dude

When the hammer dropped on hip 199, it was the colt's breeder David Dizney signing the ticket at $400,000 Tuesday in Ocala. Dizney put together a partnership of friends to campaign the dark bay colt who worked the fastest quarter-mile of :20 3/5 during last Wednesday's first session of the under-tack preview.

David Dizney | *Tibor Szlavik*

"His work was amazing--:20 3/5 is exciting," Dizney said. "It was hard to pass him up. Right now, we're just going to get him to the farm and reassess him. He can go short and it looks like he can go two turns, too."

The juvenile, consigned by Top Line Sales, is out of Natalie's Moment (Kris S.) and is a half to stakes-placed Sola Gratia (Touch Gold) and to the dam of recent GIII Hendrie S. winner Code Warrior (Society's Chairman).

Asked if he had thought about the price at which he would have let the youngster go, Dizney admitted, "I really didn't. There is a good Florida stallion stakes coming up that runs for a lot of money. He's nominated to that, so I think it's all good."

First Dude stands at the Dizney's Double Diamond Farm in Ocala for $10,000. Hip 199 was the highest-priced juvenile to sell at public auction by the stallion, who won the 2011 GI Hollywood Gold Cup.

Midnight Lute Colt Rewards McKathan

Luke McKathan was understandably excited after he sent his Midnight Lute colt out to work a furlong in a co-bullet :9 4/5 during last week's under-tack preview of the OBS June sale and the veteran horseman was downright jubilant after the youngster sold for $320,000 to trainer Linda Rice.

"He's a freak. I guarantee you," McKathan said of hip 335. "I thought he'd bring $200,000. But wow."

The bay colt is out of stakes-placed Screen Giant (Giant's Causeway). McKathan, who consigned the youngster under his Timber Creek banner, purchased the colt for $9,500 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Yearling Sale.

While McKathan's sons J.B. and Kevin are no strangers to high-priced sales, Tuesday's transaction was a highwater mark for the father.

"I sure had fun," he laughed. "I never thought I'd see that. That's the highest horse I've ever sold. That was great. Ain't that nice?"

Rice purchased the colt Tuesday on behalf of Sheila Rosenblum.

"His breeze was really outstanding," Rice said after signing the ticket on hip 335. "And at the barn, he has a great shoulder and he's got nice size with a long neck. So he had really nice conformation at the barn and he was really brilliant on the racetrack."

Of the colt's final price, Rice added, "I knew he would be well-liked. There are a lot of sharp buyers here. I was hoping to get him bought at $200,000, but I had to reach a little. We were shopping this colt and the First Dude colt that sold earlier for $400,000. That one got away from us, so I was happy to get this one."

Linda Rice | *Maryland Jockey Club*

The Midnight Lute colt was Rice's fourth purchase of the June sale. She purchased a filly by Union Rags (hip 61) for $200,000; a colt by Scat Daddy (hip 33) for $185,000; and a filly by The Factor (hip 216) for $100,000.

"The sales have been pretty competitive all spring," Rice said. "But I've had some luck coming to the June Sale. It's a little easier to get some horses bought. And you can never have too many good ones."

Busy June for Bradley

Bloodstock agent Pete Bradley remained busy on both sides of the ledger Tuesday in Ocala, purchasing a colt by Twirling Candy on behalf of his racing partnership for $310,000, just seven hips after selling a Curlin colt for $240,000 for his pinhooking venture.

The Twirling Candy colt (hip 317) is out of stakes winner Saint Knows (Sweetsouthernsaint) and was consigned by Eddie Woods, whose Quarter Pole Enterprises purchased him for $90,000 at last year's Barretts October Yearling Sale. He worked a quarter last week in :21 1/5.

Pete Bradley | *Horsephotos*

"This colt covered the ground extremely well," Bradley said after signing the ticket on the dark bay. "He has kind of that Twirling Candy body and balance, but he went as smoothly and galloped out as well as any horse I saw at the sale. We're just tickled to have him." **Cont. p6**

Busy June for Bradley cont.

Bradley said the colt's final price tag reflected the strength that has been prevalent at the top of the market at all the juvenile sales this spring.

"I was thinking he would bring $300,000 to $350,000, but you had to pay a little more for nice horses this year," he said. "That's the way the market has been at the top end."

Bradley also purchased a filly by Tapit (hip 105) for $180,000 and a filly by City Zip (hip 90) for $150,000.

Bloodstock agent Steve Young purchased hip 310, a son of Curlin, on behalf of an undisclosed client for $240,000. Bradley had purchased the dark bay for $160,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga August Yearling Sale.

The youngster is out of Runge (Posse) and is from the family of graded stakes winner Richwoman. He worked a quarter last week in :21 3/5 and was consigned by Woods.

"He is a route-bred horse that has plenty of speed," Young said of the juvenile. "And I couldn't have more respect for Curlin. He's had a horse on the Derby trail every year he's been at stud and this horse has the mechanics and the attitude to be a two-turn dirt horse."

Tapit Colt to Calumet

Calumet Farm, which sent three horses postward in this year's GI Kentucky Derby and finished third with Patch (Union Rags) in Saturday's GI Belmont S., may have found a 2018 Classic contender after the farm's Jak Knelman signed the ticket at $250,000 for a son of Tapit at Tuesday's first session of the OBS June sale.

Jak Knelman | *Photos by Z*

"We're not sure where he is going yet, but we're excited to have him," Knelman said. "He is just a nice horse, he's matured since he was a yearling and it's exciting to have a Tapit in the barn."

The gray ridgling (hip 138) is out of graded stakes winner and Grade I-placed Magical Feeling (Empire Maker) and from the family of GI Travers S. winner Golden Ticket. He worked a furlong in :10 4/5 during last week's under-tack preview.

Bred by Peter Blum, the juvenile RNA'd for $375,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale. He was consigned to the OBS sale by Eddie Woods.

Scat Daddy Colt Heads West

A colt by the late Scat Daddy will be heading out west to join the Southern California stable of trainer Vladimir Cerin after selling for $210,000 to Holly and David Wilson during Tuesday's first session of the OBS June sale.

"We liked his breeze," said Florida horseman Mike Lightner, who joined with his son Raymie Lightner and Cerin to pick the youngster out. "Vladimir Cerin picked him out on the video. Raymie gave him a good video grade. And I liked his conformation."

The chestnut colt (hip 68) is out of Intelyhente (Smart Strike), a full-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Bel Air Beauty, who is the dam of Canadian champion Stacked Deck (First Samurai). He worked a quarter in :21 1/5 during last week's under-tack preview.

Bred by William Duignan and Tranquility Investments, the juvenile was a $260,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase. He was consigned by Wavertree Stables.

David Wilson, owner of a California-based car dealership, and his wife Holly have campaigned graded stakes winners Designed For Luck, Early Pioneer and Briecat. While they do buy at the juvenile sales, the couple predominately restocks at the yearling sales.

"We bought a couple in the April sale," Lightner said. "We'll occasionally buy at the 2-year-olds in training sales, but we mostly buy yearlings."

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Hip 352
(f, Jimmy Creed--She's Extreme, by Unbridled's Song)
Buyer: Gilbert G. Campbell
Price: $60,000

"*You have to understand, I am a value play person. Hip 352 was purchased by Gilbert Campbell for $60,000 and could be worth four times that much. Time will tell, and they are patient people thank God.*"

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
199	c	First Dude	Natalie's Moment	400,000

B-David Dizney (FL)
Consigned by Top Line Sales, LLC, Agent IX
Purchased by David Dizney Racing Syndicate

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
335	c	Midnight Lute	Screen Giant	320,000

($9,500 yrl '16 FTKOCT)
B-Randal Family Trust (KY)
Consigned by Timber Creek, agent
Purchased by Linda Rice, agent

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
317	c	Twirling Candy	Saint Knows	310,000

($90,000 yrl '16 BAROCT)
B-CRK Stables (CA)
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent IV
Purchased by Bradley Thoroughbreds LLC, agent

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
138	c	Tapit	Magical Feeling	250,000

($375,000 RNA yrl '16 KEESEP)
B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds (KY)
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XLIV
Purchased by Calumet Farm

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
310	c	Curlin	Runge	240,000

($160,000 yrl '16 FTSAUG)
B-Machmer Hall & Haymarket Farm (KY)
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XIX
Purchased by Steven W. Young, agent

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
68	c	Scat Daddy	Intelyhente	210,000

($260,000 yrl '16 KEESEP)
B-William Duignan & Tranquility Investments (KY)
Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent X
Purchased by Holly & David Wilson

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
61	f	Union Rags	I'm Mom's Favorite	200,000

($85,000 yrl '16 KEESEP)
B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY)
Consigned by Harris Training Center LLC, Agent V
Purchased by Linda Rice, agent

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price ($)
239	c	Quality Road	Pirate Queen	200,000

($52,000 yrl '16 FTKOCT)
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Purchased by Justin Casse, agent

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See Story, p5

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($52,000 yrl '16 FTKOCT)
B-Westrock Stables (KY)
Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, agent
Purchased by Justin Casse, agent

Hip 239, a $52,000 FTKOCT yearling purchase by Becky Thomas, caught the eye of agent Justin Casse and brought $200,000 after breezing in :10.

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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM

BELMONT FESTIVAL SIRES

New York racing is finally on the way back. When Martin Panza moved from defunct Hollywood Park to NYRA in 2014, one of his ambitions was to create 'event' cards and days, and, as Bill Finley wrote in Sunday's *TDN (click here)*, even those of us who weren't there could see it was a great success. Saturday, for sure: 10 black-type races, six of them Grade I; 57,000 people and $93 million in handle. Even though they were very much supporting cards, Martin is laying the groundwork for the festival to get more important for more days: three black-type races on Thursday, five on Friday; 18 black-type races--with 54 black-type wins and placings--over the three days. Very important for professionals, and, as Bill wrote, increasingly appealing to a younger crowd who like being at big events. The impact of social media is of course huge, and mostly new, but we shouldn't underestimate the impact of NBC Sports, which is showcasing racing as a viable, fun, interesting entertainment option for the hundreds of millions of Americans who do still watch television.

Medaglia d'Oro | *Darley*

For fans who actually follow racing, maybe the most interesting story was the return of 'TDN Rising Star' Songbird, the now 4-year-old **Medaglia d'Oro** filly whose only loss in 12 career starts came when Beholder nailed her by a dirty nose in last year's epic GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff, in Saturday's GI Ogden Phipps S. She had to fight off maybe a career best by the 5-year-old **Candy Ride (Arg)** mare Paid Up Subscriber, recording her third Grade I second, but ultimately prevailed to go 12-1-0 from 13 lifetime starts. From the point of view of breeders, Songbird's win was one of two wins and another Grade I placing for Darley's Medaglia d'Oro over the weekend. His 3-year-old filly New Money Honey, who had won the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf last year, won the GIII Wonder Again S. on Thursday (nine furlongs, turf), and the 5-year-old 'Medaglia' mare Dickinson (winner of the GI Jenny Wiley S. last time out) was third to 'Rising Star' Antonoe (First Defence) and Sassy Little Lila (Artie Schiller) in the GI Longines Just A Game S. (one mile, turf) Saturday.

Tapit | *Mathea Kelley*

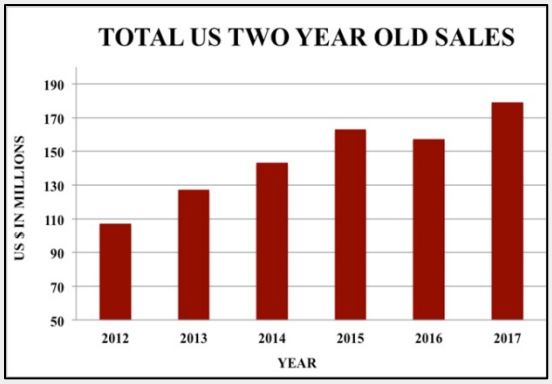
Of course the biggest story was Gainesway's three-time champion sire **Tapit** siring Tapwrit, his third winner of the GI Belmont S. in four years. What doesn't Tapit do? Well, one area where the odds are against him is collecting a fourth consecutive sires' championship; 'Rising Star' Arrogate has earned $13 million in two starts this year, so his sire **Unbridled's Song** looks a heavy favorite to be North America's Leading Sire of 2017, considering he currently holds a lead of more than $8.5 million (click here) over Lane's End's Candy Ride and Tapit on the *TDN* North American Year-to-Date General Sire List. And yes, Candy Ride is currently ahead of Tapit in the race for second in 2017. Candy Ride had upset GI Manhattan S. winner Ascend, as well as Paid Up Subscriber throwing a scare into Songbird, so he is sustaining his momentum--and he has the 4-year-old Gun Runner, second in the G1 Dubai World Cup to Arrogate in his last start, slated to come back off the bench in this coming weekend's GI Stephen Foster H.

It still strikes me as significant that four sires who all had their first foals the same year, 2006, have had such a huge impact on North American breeding: Tapit, Candy Ride, Medaglia d'Oro, and **Speightstown**. They're all just finishing covering their 13th crops, so it's not going to go on forever, but Tapwrit and company are from Tapit's ninth crop, foaled in 2014. It's also very interesting to look at North American sires' 2014 foal crops (click here). We find here that Spendthrift's **Into Mischief** still, even after the Belmont, leads Tapit by over $1 million in 2014 crop earnings. Into Mischief has 77 winners from 123 starters, including 19 black-type horses in this, his first big crop, and as we've said all along, for him to lead this pack is really impressive. **Cont. p9**

WEEKLY SALES TICKER

by Bill Oppenheim

“With OBS June wrapping up the NA/EU 2-year-old auctions today, the report card for the 2017 sales is very positive: I don’t know if we’re still allowed to give grades, but the US sales get an ‘A minus’ if we do, and the European sales an ‘A’. The difference is the clearance rate: 52.5% at the North American sales, 71.9% at the European sales – almost a 20% difference. Of course the American sales are much bigger: 77% of the combined numbers catalogued are at the North American sales, and 71% of those sold, for 79% of the money, with the final NA sale to be added in. NA is up 14% in gross and 13% in average from last year, but the market was stronger in 2015, and the respective figures are 10% gains in both gross and average compared to 2015. Same in Europe: gross +33%, average +23% compared to last year, but compared to 2015, gross +23%, average +17%. 2017 vs 2015 is probably the better comparison.”



TOTAL US 2YO SALES AS OF JUNE 12, 2017

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2017	2,948	1,952	1,547	33.8%	79.3%	52.5%	$178,976,800	$115,693
2016	2,956	2,073	1,542	29.9%	74.4%	52.2%	$157,228,600	$101,964
2015	2,867	2,034	1,547	29.1%	76.1%	54.0%	$162,987,300	$105,357
2014	2,774	2,026	1,557	27.0%	76.9%	56.1%	$143,078,700	$91,894
2013	2,528	1,861	1,502	26.4%	80.7%	59.4%	$127,183,950	$84,676
2012	2,688	1,989	1,548	26.0%	77.8%	57.6%	$107,249,000	$69,282

TOTAL EUROPEAN 2YO BREEZE UP SALES AS OF JUNE 13, 2017

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2017	894	768	643	14.1%	83.7%	71.9%	€48,803,607	€75,900
2016	874	749	580	14.3%	77.4%	66.4%	€36,721,841	€63,314
2015	885	743	615	16.0%	82.8%	69.5%	€39,697,079	€64,548
2014	854	705	571	17.4%	81.0%	66.9%	€33,449,010	€58,580
2013	792	662	523	16.4%	79.0%	66.0%	€26,334,035	€50,352
2012	855	719	560	15.9%	77.9%	65.5%	€26,320,587	€47,001

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

Oppenheim cont.

Tapit is second, including crop-leading totals of 13 black-type winners, nine Graded Stakes winners, and three Grade I winners. The next three spots are occupied by two sons of Empire Maker standing at WinStar, leading second-crop sire **Bodemeister** and Classic Empire's sire, **Pioneerof the Nile**, then in fifth is Gainesway's repatriated **Empire Maker** himself, from his crop of 3-year-olds sired in Japan (because the parameters are: standing in North America, worldwide earnings). Interestingly, when we factor in European sires as well (click here), **Galileo (Ire)** has 14 BTW, 10 GSW, and four Group 1 winners from this crop (154 named foals vs. 117 for Tapit and 158 for Into Mischief), so he leads Tapit by one in each of those categories; but Into Mischief still leads them both in total crop earnings.

Speightstown, also a WinStar sire, is the number two F2006 sire based on his 2014 foal crop's earnings, ranking seventh on this table. Just ahead of him in sixth is Lane's End's **Quality Road**, who has six GSW from this crop, including the one-two in Saturday's GI Acorn S., Abel Tasman and Salty. This is Quality Road's third crop of 3-year-olds, and a lot of times, third crops are not that good, but his is (click here to read Andrew Caulfield's piece on Quality Road from yesterday's *TDN*). In 2015, Curlin and Scat Daddy were among what turned out to be a really hot group of sires standing for $35,000 that year. Quality Road's been standing for $35,000 this year, but he'll be going up for sure for 2018; he deserves to, anyway.

Quality Road | *Lee Thomas*

Bob Baffert ran four horses at Belmont Saturday and saddled four winners--West Coast (Flatter), Abel Tasman (Quality Road), American Anthem (Bodemeister), and Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) --all ridden by Mike Smith, who added Songbird to make it a five-win afternoon for him. Bodemeister had already rocketed to the top of the North American second-crop sire list when Always Dreaming won the GI Kentucky Derby, but American Anthem's convincing win in the seven-furlong GII Woody Stephens S. stamps him as an elite racehorse, so that's two for Bodemeister. A lot of people just assume 'top-class' equates to 'Grade I' but we find that it really equates to 'Grade I + Grade II.' So Bodemeister leads the North American second-crop cumulative 'money list' (click here), and adding a second GI/GII winner shows it's not just a one-horse show.

Bodemeister | *WinStar*

Three other second-crop sires had important black-type performances. F2014 North America cumulative number three, Lane's End's **Union Rags**, got an important Grade I and Classic placing for a colt when Patch ran third in the Belmont; all four of Union Rags's first GSWs, including three Grade I winners and a Grade II winner, are fillies, so that starts to even it up a little. Claiborne's **Algorithms**, a son of Bernardini who was three-for-three lifetime but broke down after thumping the previous year's 2-year-old champion, Hansen, by five lengths in the 2012 GIII Holy Bull S., had two flashes of speed on show. Friday, the 2-year-old colt He Hate Me swooped to win the 5 1/2-furlong Tremont S. over a couple of more fancied runners; and Saturday, the 3-year-old colt Recruiting Ready, who had blitzed stakes fields at six furlongs in his two previous starts, ran a very creditable third to American Anthem in the Woody Stephens at seven furlongs. Both are owned by Maryland's Sagamore Farm. Also on the weekend black-type scoresheet: Crestview Farm's **Get Stormy**, whose good filly Fifty Five ran second to New Money Honey in Thursday's Wonder Again (nine furlongs, turf).

North American third-crop sires **Uncle Mo**, **Lonhro (Aus)** (now back in Australia, where he has been champion sire), **Girolamo**, and **General Quarters** had black-type placings at the three-day racing festival; and two first-crop Spendthrift stallions recorded stakes placings: Waki Patriot, by **Awesome Patriot**, ran third in the juvenile fillies' race, the Astoria, Thursday; while Admiral Creed, by **Jimmy Creed**, was third in the Tremont Friday. **Contact Bill Oppenheim at bopp@erb.com (cc suefinley@thetdn.com).**

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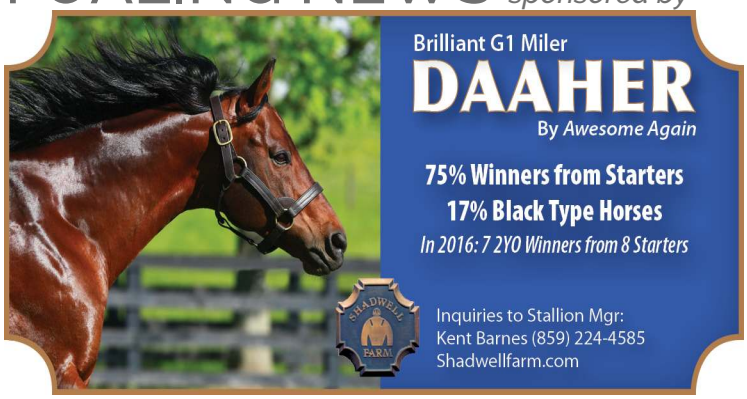

BLUE HEART, 8, Exchange Rate--Flawless Diamond, by Saint Ballado
Foal born Apr. 17, a filly by Quality Road.
Will be bred back to American Pharoah.
Owned by Mr & Mrs John Amerman.
Boarded at Mill Ridge.
Accomplishments: MSW of $491,260.

PONDERWAY, 22, Prized--Riverquill, by Riverman
Foal born May 3, a colt by Congrats.
Will be bred back to Upstart.
Owned by Jeff Heslep & Three Lyons Racing.
Boarded at Stockwood Farm.
Accomplishments: Dam of Riversrunrylee, SW, $441,580; Toasting (Congrats), MSW & GISP, $565,035.

BEAU DARE, 14, Military--Gen Corp Purposes, by Beau Genius
Foal born May 3, a filly by Uncle Mo.
Will be bred back to Protonico.
Owned by Jeffrey Weiss.
Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.
Accomplishments: MSW, $425,745.

ECHO HARBOR, 16, Boston Harbor--Echo Echo Echo, by Eastern Echo
Foal born May 4, a colt by Liam's Map.
Will be bred back to Exaggerator.
Owned by and boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds, Kentucky.
Accomplishments: Dam of Western Smoke (Smoke Glacken), GSW, $269,725.

XTRA HEAT, 19, Dixieland Heat--Begin, by Hatchet Man
Foal born May 4, a colt by Wicked Strong.
Will be bred back to Outwork.
Owned by and boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds, Kentucky.
Accomplishments: Ch. 3yo Filly, GISW-US, G1SP-UAE, $2,389,636. Dam of Southwestern Heat (Gone West), SW & GSP, $155,340; Elusive Heat (Elusive Qualiy), SW & GSP, $117,170.

SATURDAY NITE RIDE, 8, Flower Alley--Placerita, by Gilded Time
Foal born May 13, a colt by Pioneerof the Nile.
Will be bred back to Mshawish.
Owned by Aaron & Marie Jones LLC.
Boarded at Taylor Made Sales Agency.
Accomplishments: MSW, $220,471.

DANCE TO BRISTOL, 8, Speightstown--Dance to Dawn, by Louis Quatorze
Foal born May 20, a filly by Medaglia d'Oro.
Mare will not be bred back this year.
Owned by Colts Neck Stables.
Boarded at Mill Ridge.
Accomplishments: GISW of $980,880.

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Leading Sires by Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, June 12

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Unbridled's Song**	3	6	3	5	1	1	120	43	$13,000,000	$15,083,867
	(1993) by Unbridled FYR: 1998 Crops: 17 Named Foals: 1511 Stands: Taylor Made Stallions USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)									*Arrogate*	
2	**Candy Ride (Arg)**	8	17	5	13	1	4	180	66	$2,300,000	$6,549,909
	(1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 10 Named Foals: 1058 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: ($60,000)									*Gun Runner*	
3	**Tapit**	13	19	8	13	2	2	205	76	$1,080,000	$6,387,812
	(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 10 Named Foals: 1056 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: ($300,000)									*Tapwrit*	
4	**Harlan's Holiday**	2	11	1	8	--	1	245	96	$2,000,000	$5,777,456
	(1999) by Harlan FYR: 2005 Crops: 10 Named Foals: 1048 Stands: USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)									*Neolithic*	
5	**Empire Maker**	2	4	--	1	--	--	296	101	$362,568	$5,699,520
	(2000) by Unbridled FYR: 2005 Crops: 11 Named Foals: 1072 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: ($85,000)									*Tagano Diguo (JPN)*	
6	**Ghostzapper**	6	10	4	7	2	2	155	62	$2,380,000	$5,680,868
	(2000) by Awesome Again FYR: 2007 Crops: 9 Named Foals: 678 Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: ($75,000)									*Shaman Ghost*	
7	**Street Boss**	4	9	2	5	--	--	118	42	$3,083,814	$5,241,631
	(2004) by Street Cry (Ire) FYR: 2010 Crops: 6 Named Foals: 450 Stands: Darley KY Fee: ($17,500)									*Street Rapper (AUS)*	
8	**Malibu Moon**	5	14	3	8	1	2	238	99	$784,000	$5,093,069
	(1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Crops: 15 Named Foals: 1484 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: ($75,000)									*Gormley*	
9	**Kitten's Joy**	10	19	6	14	1	5	258	89	$582,484	$5,082,923
	(2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 9 Named Foals: 1055 Stands: Ramsey Farm KY Fee: ($100,000)									*Dashing Blaze*	
10	**Curlin**	6	12	5	7	1	3	131	56	$896,660	$4,696,566
	(2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 6 Named Foals: 508 Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY Fee: ($150,000)									*Irish War Cry*	
11	**Medaglia d'Oro**	9	16	5	10	2	2	136	48	$585,135	$4,660,110
	(1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 10 Named Foals: 1129 Stands: Darley KY Fee: ($150,000)									*Fiducia*	
12	**Quality Road**	8	14	7	10	1	3	140	60	$1,039,200	$4,504,506
	(2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012 Crops: 4 Named Foals: 321 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: ($35,000)									*Abel Tasman*	
13	**Speightstown**	10	15	3	6	--	2	188	78	$372,005	$4,051,482
	(1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006 Crops: 10 Named Foals: 861 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: ($100,000)									*Rieno Tesoro*	
14	**Hard Spun**	7	13	5	9	--	2	201	84	$206,354	$4,038,827
	(2004) by Danzig FYR: 2009 Crops: 7 Named Foals: 682 Stands: Darley KY Fee: ($45,000)									*Taghleeb*	
15	**Uncle Mo**	7	14	3	9	--	2	135	48	$508,900	$3,973,536
	(2008) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2013 Crops: 3 Named Foals: 331 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: ($150,000)									*Conquest Mo Money*	

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CHAMPION HANSEL DIES

Hansel | *Douglas Lees*

Lazy Lane Farm's champion **Hansel** (Woodman--Count on Bonnie, by Dancing Court), winner of the GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S. in 1991, was euthanized Tuesday due to infirmities of old age, the farm announced. He was 29 years old.

Bred in Virginia by Marvin Little, Jr., Hansel was a $150,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase who won the GII Arlington-Washington Futurity and GIII Tremont S. and placed in the GI Hopeful S. as a 2-year-old. Capturing the GII Jim Beam S. in track record time the following spring, he repeated by nine lengths in the GII Lexington S. and was 10th as the favorite in the GI Kentucky Derby before annexing the final two legs of the Triple Crown en route to Eclipse honors for champion 3-year-old that season.

Sold to Gainsborough Farm at the conclusion of his racing career, he stood for five seasons there, two seasons at Questroyal Farm in New York and briefly took up stud duty in Japan. Repurchased by Lazy Lane in 2005, he was officially pensioned in 2012 after siring five group/graded winners, including French G1SW Loving Claim.

"He was a very talented racehorse and a consummate gentleman on the farm," said Lazy Lane general manager Frank Shipp. "He gave so much to us and to his fans. We will all miss him dearly."

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1st-BEL, $75K, Msw, 3yo/up, 6fT 1:30 p.m. ET

Jimmy Jerkens unveils a pair of blue-blooded Stronach Stables homebreds in **GOLDEN BULLET (Medaglia d'Oro)** and **Gold Sting (Medaglia d'Oro)**. Hailing from a deep Phipps family, Golden Bullet is out of an unraced half-sister to GISW Mr Speaker (Pulpit) and GSP Snap Decision (Hard Spun). The bay traces his lineage back to champions Personal Ensign and Storm Flag Flying; MGISW My Flag; and Grade I winners Miner's Mark and Traditionally. Jerkens tightened Golden Bullet up for this test with a three-furlong bullet in :36 1/5 over the local training track June 12. Entrymate Gold Sting is out of GSW Smart Sting (Smart Strike), who is a daughter of champion grass mare Perfect Sting. **TJCIS PPs.** --*@CDeBernardis*

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Tuesday's Results:

FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

3rd-PID, $27,130, Msw, 6-13, 2yo, 5f (AWT), :58.19, ft. **I'M CORFU (g, 2, Corfu--I'm Blooming, by Hennessy)** became the first winner for his freshman sire (by Malibu Moon) with a front-running score at Presque Isle, leading home entrymate Chateau (Flat Out) for a Wayne Rice exacta. Quickest away from the stalls, the 1-2 co-favorite ticked off unpressured early splits of :22.52 and :46.05 and hit the line 2 3/4 lengths ahead of Chateau. I'm Corfu checked in fifth in his first two attempts at Keeneland Apr. 12 and Apr.26, respectively and improved to be second over Chateau (Flat Out) when switched to the local synthetic May 21. The winner's dam's most recent produce is a yearling colt by Telling. Sales history: $3,500 2yo '17 OBSWIN. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $24,282. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/T-Wayne W. Rice; B-Donna M Burnham (FL).

Wednesday, Delaware Park, post time: 4:45 p.m. EDT

CHRISTIANA S., $50,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Canny	Big Brown	Murrill	Stidham	8-1
2	Warrior Hall	War Front	Bravo	Clement	9-2
3	Journey Home	War Front	Prado	Motion	8-1
4	Bertranda	Boys at Tosconova	Silvera	Noble	10-1
5	Dancing Rags	Union Rags	Cruz	Motion	6-1
6	Emphatically	Scat Daddy	Lynch	Proctor	7-2
7	Initiate	Pioneerof the Nile	Juarez	McGaughey	5-2
8	Mercy Ann	Distorted Humor	Luzzi	Lynch	10-1

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Horse Park to Host Man o' War Movie Night:

The Kentucky Horse Park, in the latest of a series of events commemorating the 100th anniversary of Man o' War, will host a special movie night June 24 from 6-10 p.m., the venue announced Tuesday. Sponsored by the Keeneland Kids Club, admission for the event is $5 per carload and is geared toward families, with two equine-themed movies being shown in the park's theaters.

The night will also feature other children's activities and will include free admission to the International Museum of the Horse, which is currently hosting an exhibit entitled "Man o' War: The Mostest Horse That Ever Was."

"We look forward to offering this special after-hours event at the Kentucky Horse Park for the local community to take part in the celebration of Man o' War's 100th anniversary," said Kentucky Horse Park executive director Laura Prewitt. "Not only will it memorialize this special horse, but it will also hopefully expose our park's features to new visitors."

For a full list of Man o' War celebration events taking place through Nov. 1, visit Kentucky Horse Park's website here.

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Cheonjaeilu, g, 3, **City Zip**--Daisyago (GSP, $262,589), by Affirmed. Seoul, 6-10, Hcp. *($53k)*, 1300m. B-KatieRich Farms (KY). *1/2 to Victory Nor Defeat (Unbridled's Song), GSP. **$45,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

I'm Your Father, c, 3, **Tiznow**--Clear Thinking, by Awesome Again. Busan, 6-11, Hcp. *($97k)*, 1800m. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr & St George Farm Racing, LLC (KY). *$50,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

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IN PERU:

Estrella Prometida, f, 3, **Malibu Moon**--My Trusty Cat (GISW, $902,753), by Tale of the Cat. Monterrico, 6-11, Cond., 1400m, 1:26.03. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). *Won by 9 3/4 lengths. **$29,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT. ***1/2 to Tapitry (Tapit), GSP, $223,200. **VIDEO**

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IN RUSSIA:

Bachelam, c, 4, **Arch**--Anchorage (MSP), by Tapit. Central Moscow Hippodrome, 6-11, 2000m. B-Dr Christoph Berglar (KY). *Took his career record to a perfect six for six with a 1 1/2-length victory. **$100,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

IN MEXICO:

Jicamon, c, 3, **Temple City**--Lemonlime (MSW, $125,824), by Lemon Drop Kid. Hipodromo de las Americas, 6-10, LXXI Gran Premio Nacional (NB), 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5. B-St George Stables (KY). **VIDEO**

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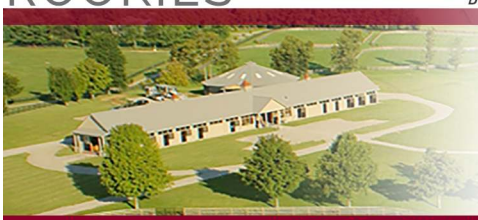
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First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, June 14

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2014 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

FAST BULLET (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, $7.5K, 32/1/0
2-LAD, Msw 4 1/2f, +Cartridge, $8K FTK FEB yrl, 6-1

FLAT OUT (Flatter), Spendthrift Farm, $10K, 104/1/0
5-IND, Msw 5fT, +Flatoutjustice, $47K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 15-1
6-PRM, Msw 5f, +Quiet Flattering, $27K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1
6-PRM, Msw 5f, Bristol's Music, $13K TTA APR 2yo, 6-1

KEEP UP (Unbridled's Song), Mill Ridge Farm, $5K, 19/0/0
5-IND, Msw 5fT, In a Fog, $1,000 RNA KEE JAN yrl, 20-1

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Street Cry {Ire}), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, $12.5K, 48/0/0
2-BEL, Msw 5 1/2f, Magnanimus Man, $31K KEE JAN yrl, 8-1

OVERANALYZE (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, $10K, 112/2/0
2-BEL, Msw 5 1/2f, +Psychoanalyze, $14K RNA KEE NOV wnl, 15-1

OXBOW (Awesome Again), Calumet Farm, $20K, 76/0/0
6-PRM, Msw 5f, +Goldie Again, $30K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

SHANGHAI BOBBY (Harlan's Holiday), Ashford Stud, $20K, 113/0/0
2-BEL, Msw 5 1/2f, Shangroyal, $400K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

Rookies cont.

SNAPY HALO (ARG) (Southern Halo), Calumet Farm, $7.5K, 21/0/0
5-IND, Msw 5fT, +Mr Ashley, $1,000 KEE SEP yrl, 20-1
SOLDAT (War Front), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $5K, 87/0/0
2-BEL, Msw 5 1/2f, Pete Marwick, $35K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
5-IND, Msw 5fT, Senor Guapo, $8K RNA OBS WIN yrl, 30-1
5-IND, Msw 5fT, Two Grand, $1,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl, 30-1
TURBO COMPRESSOR (Halo's Image), Breakway Farm, $3.5K, 20/0/0
2-BEL, Msw 5 1/2f, The Chamo, $72K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, June 14

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2013 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/ BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
AIKENITE (Yes It's True), Calumet Farm, $7.5K, 26/3/0
5-IND, Msw 5fT, +Clever Romp, $3K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1
ALCINDOR (Unbridled's Song), Haras El Alfalfar, 15/5/0
3-TDN, Msw 5f, +Cindor Bolt, 12-1
ASTROLOGY (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made Stallions, $7.5K, 156/35/2
5-IND, Msw 5fT, +Leo, $13K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
BOYS AT TOSCONOVA (Officer), Questroyal North, $5K, 47/6/0
8-DEL, $50K Christiana S., 1 1/16mT, Bertranda, $15K EAS MAY 2yo, 10-1
CALIBRACHOA (Southern Image), Red River Farms, 33/4/0
2-LAD, Msw 4 1/2f, +Handsome Reward, $5K ESL MIX yrl, 9-2
DIALED IN (Mineshaft), Darby Dan Farm, $7.5K, 174/32/6
4-PRM, Msw 5f, +Shatterenthestars, 10-1
QUITE A HANDFUL (Mutakddim), Holden Farm, $600, 23/1/0
8-IND, Msw 5 1/2f, +Handfuls Gem, 20-1
STAR GUITAR (Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud, $4K, 80/11/1
2-LAD, Msw 4 1/2f, +Roaring Star Fire, $17K ESL YRL yrl, 7-2
STAY THIRSTY (Bernardini), Ashford Stud, $15K, 162/46/2
3-TDN, Msw 5f, +Capt Billy Bud, $30K FTK OCT yrl, 5-2
TO HONOR AND SERVE (Bernardini), Gainesway Farm, $20K, 172/31/1
3-TDN, Msw 5f, +Honor the D, $30K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1
UNION RAGS (Dixie Union), Lane's End Farm, $35K, 221/31/5
8-DEL, $50K Christiana S., 1 1/16mT, Dancing Rags, $210K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1

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I'm Corfu (Corfu) became the first winner for his freshman sire (by Malibu Moon) Tuesday.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, $52,010, 6-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.49, ft.
STORMING MY WAY (g, 3, High Cotton--Picturemewithroses (SP), by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: MSP, 9-2-2-2, $84,720. O-Mensh, Donald H. and Paikoff, Mel; B-Marion G. Montanari (FL); T-Edward Plesa, Jr. *$19,000 RNA Ylg '15 OBSWIN; $40,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR.

7th-PRX, $41,250, (S), 6-13, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.56, fm.
MINI HERO (m, 5, Street Hero--Try to Appeal, by Skip Trial) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, $60,701. O/B-Four Horsemen's Ranch (PA); T-Jamie Ness.

7th-IND, $32,500, 6-13, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :58.74, my.
VBREEZE (g, 7, Shore Breeze--Venasauer, by Smokester) Lifetime Record: 47-2-8-8, $148,874. O-Haran Thoroughbreds, LLC; B/T-John F. Haran (IL).

2nd-PID, $29,145, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 6-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.00, ft.
COUSIN CLAIRE (f, 4, Exchange Rate--Biorra {SP}, by Smoke Glacken) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-3-3-0, $69,025. O/B-Duncan H. Lloyd (KY); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *$45,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP.

6th-IND, $24,000, (S), 6-13, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.48, my.
DEVIL'S DUE WEST (g, 5, Devil His Due--Prophesy, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: SW, 25-4-6-2, $186,729. O-Eads, James and Tami; B-Steven West & Sharon E. Baker (IN); T-Michael Weaver.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Middle of Forever, g, 3, **Harborage**--Curious Kitty, by Tactical Cat. LAD, 6-13, (S), 1mT, 1:38.66. B-Royal B. Kraft (LA). *$1,000 RNA Ylg '15 BSCYRL.

Save the Tigers, g, 3, **Super Saver**--Tiger Girl (MSW, $142,829), by Hold That Tiger. FL, 6-13, (S), 1m 70y, 1:48.22. B-Sequel Thoroughbreds & Bloom Racing Stable (NY). *$8,000 2yo '16 EASMAY.

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VAZIRABAD WILL MISS GOLD CUP

Vazirabad | *Scoop Dyga*

His Highness the Aga Khan's **Vazirabad (Fr)** (Manduro {Ger}) will miss the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot next Thursday June 22 after failing to recover from a setback he suffered during his last race at Chantilly. The dual French highweight warmed up for an intended Ascot appearance by landing his second G2 Prix Vicomtesse Vigier last month, but was injured during the Group 2 and has failed in his race against time to be fit for Ascot.

"During his last race he was hit by another horse behind and hurt his leg," trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre said of his dual Group 1-winning stayer. "His career is not finished, but Ascot and the Gold Cup will come too soon. We will see how he recovers, but the plan could now be the [Aug. 1 G1] Goodwood Cup."

After having signed off last season with a Group 1 victory in the Prix Royal-Oak at Saint-Cloud for the second year in a row, the Aga Khan-owned 6-year-old claimed another big-race success when taking his second G2 Dubai Gold Cup at Meydan in March over Godolphin's Beautiful Romance (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). Vazirabad was as short as 6-1 second favourite for the Gold Cup, behind last year's winner Order Of St George (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who is now trading at around odds of 10-11.

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SYDNEY TRACKS EXTEND TRAINING HOURS

In an effort to heed the desires of trainers wanting to afford their staff later starting times, the Australian Turf Club will trial later finishing times to trackwork at Randwick, Rosehill and Warwick Farm beginning on July 1. While the start time to training will remain the same, trackwork finishing times will be pushed back to 9 a.m. at Rosehill and Randwick and to 9:30 a.m. at Warwick Farm.

Australian racing stable staff traditionally start their workday between 3 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., and while the majority of trainers didn't support a later starting time, according to the ATC, the extended times will allow options for trainers wishing to give their staff a later start time.

Australian Turf Club Executive General Manager of Racing Services and Membership, James Heddo, said the changes were made in response to recent debate about the prospect of losing foreign workers under changes to the federal government's 457 visa system. **Cont. in Worldwide News p6**

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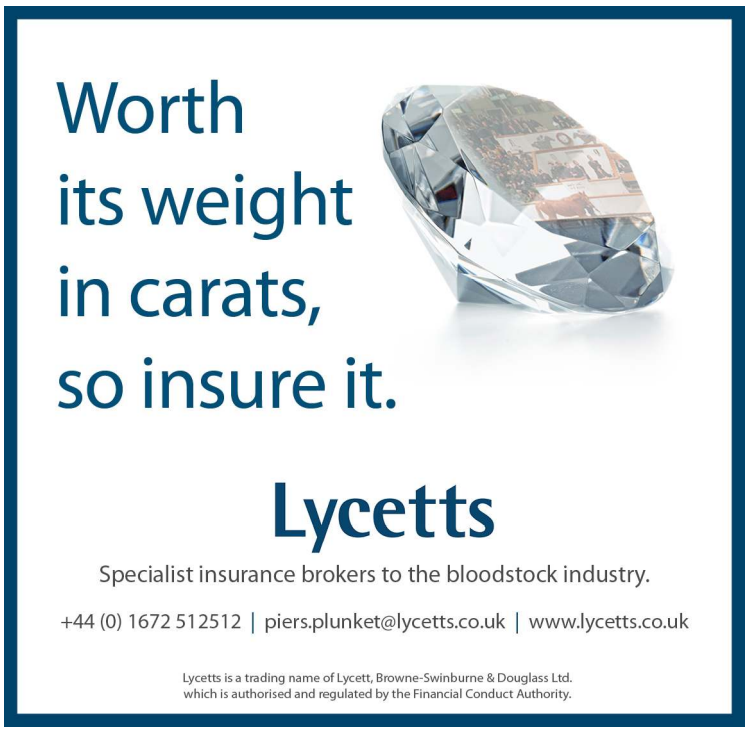
FIRST DUDE COLT ON TOP ON DAY 1 OF OBS JUNE

A colt by First Dude brought a bid of $400,000 from his breeder David Dizney to top the first session of the OBS June 2-Year-Old in Training Sale. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**



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'SNOW' FACING TALL ORDER VS. CHURCHILL

Saeed bin Suroor is under no illusions about the task facing **Thunder Snow (Ire)** (Helmet {Aus}) in the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot next Tuesday. The G2 UAE Derby winner was pulled up after a furlong during the GI Kentucky Derby at the start of May, but bounced back to fill the runner-up spot behind **Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas. The Godolphin-owned Thunder Snow is set for a rematch with Aidan O'Brien's brilliant colt in the St James's Palace S. and Bin Suroor admits his charge has his work cut out as he bids to reverse the form.

Thunder Snow | *Horsephotos*

"Thunder Snow tries hard in his races, but Churchill beat him comfortably at The Curragh, and that colt is again the one to beat," said the trainer. "He is our best horse, and he has done very well after coming back home from Ireland. He will run well, but it is a very tough race."

Bin Suroor plans to "discuss all the horses with Sheikh Mohammed" before firming up his plans for the summer showpiece fixture.

Beautiful Romance (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), last seen finishing second in the G2 Dubai Gold Cup, is a possible runner in the G1 Gold Cup, but Bin Suroor wants to see an improvement in her homework.

He told *www.godolphin.com*, "She hasn't been showing me a lot in the mornings here at Newmarket. She's a very good two-mile filly, we know that, but I want to see something in her next piece of serious work."

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SO MI DAR TO MISS PRINCE OF WALES'S

Lord Lloyd Webber's **So Mi Dar (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) will miss next week's G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot, according to Racing Manager Simon Marsh, who said the 4-year-old filly has not yet recovered from the muscle enzyme problem that ruled her out of the May 25 G3 Brigadier Gerard S.

"She's fine in herself, but she had the muscle enzyme problem and it is just taking a little bit of time for her to get it completely out of her system," Marsh explained. "There is nothing wrong with her physically, but she's missed a few bits of work and won't be ready for Ascot, unfortunately."

The John Gosden-trained So Mi Dar, a regally bred daughter of the triple Group 1 winner Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), showed promise when winning her first four starts, including last year's G3 Musidora S., but hasn't been seen since finishing third in the G1 Prix de l'Opera Longines in October. She was scratched from her intended seasonal opener in the May 18 G2 Middleton S. due to soft ground before missing the Brigadier Gerard a week later.

"It's incredibly frustrating, but she has no leg problems or broken bones or anything like that," Marsh added. "She will be back, it's just a question of when. Having targeted the Prince of Wales's, I don't think we'll be making any definite plans at this stage."

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Royal Ascot Memories

American raider **Tepin** triumphs in the **2016 G1 Queen Anne Stakes**

MAIN DESIRE OUT OF ASCOT CONTENTION

Stakes-winning juvenile **Main Desire (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) will miss Royal Ascot, and likely the rest of the season, after suffering a setback, according to trainer Michael Bell. Racing in the colours of Steve Parkin's Clipper Logistics, the filly broke her maiden at Nottingham on May 2 and took the Listed Marygate Fillies' S. at York two weeks later. She was being pointed for the G2 Queen Mary S. at the Royal meeting.

"It's desperate for all concerned, particularly her owner Steve Parkin, because according to the bookmakers at least, she had a leading chance," Bell said. "It's crazy to speculate at this stage, but what I can say for certain is that she won't be running on Wednesday week. It's unlikely she'll run again this season, but hopefully she'll be fine for her 3-year-old career. I hope it's not career threatening."

Main Desire | *Racing Post*

"It's hard to take," he added. "We still have Big Orange in the [G1] Gold Cup and Ronald R in the Britannia H. along with a few other bullets, but she looked to be our best chance."

Another Ascot defector on Tuesday was Godolphin and Lordship Stud's **Swiss Storm (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), who beat just one home on his seasonal reappearance in the G2 Dante S. on May 18.

"He won't be going to Royal Ascot," trainer David Elsworth confirmed. "He's had a small issue that has put him back a month. He's OK and we're just erring on the side of caution."

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WILDCARDS ADDED TO GOFFS LONDON

Three wildcard entries have been added to the June 19 Goffs London Sale, all of which hold entries at Royal Ascot. Jamie Osborne's 2-year-old filly **Armum (Ire)** (Society Rock {Ire}) will go under the hammer off a maiden win at Chester on the weekend. She is entered in the G3 Albany S.

"Once again Goffs have given us a platform to trade top-class horses on the eve of flat racing's greatest meeting," Osborne said. "Armum has proved she has the ability to match her superb pedigree. She has a future beyond next Friday's Albany S. not only on the racecourse but also in the breeding shed."

Also entered for the sale are the Group 3-placed **Born To Play (Ire)** (Born To Sea {Ire}) with entries in the G3 Hampton Court S. and King George V S.; and the Fabrice Chappet-trained **Mister Five Euros (Fr)** (Diamond Green {Fr}), who holds an entry in the Listed Windsor Castle S.

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NEW TOP OWNER AWARD AT ROYAL ASCOT

Royal Ascot will this year introduce a trophy for leading owner at the meeting, to be awarded alongside the established equivalents for jockeys and trainers. The Royal Ascot Leading Owner Trophy will be decided based on wins, with placings coming into play in the event of a tie. Ascot has specified that Coolmore will be regarded as one entity despite the precise ownership or colours of its runners.

Charlie Liverton, Chief Executive of the Racehorse Owners Association, said, "Royal Ascot is one of the most eagerly anticipated meetings of the flat racing calendar and captures the imagination of horsemen both in the UK and overseas. The recognition of the part that owners play in the week-long spectacle through the award of a leading owner trophy is very much welcome and it will be keenly contested."

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DETTORI IN GOOD SPIRITS FOLLOWING FALL

Frankie Dettori was reported in "good spirits" after he was stood down following a fall prior to the opening race at Yarmouth. The popular Italian was due to partner the John Gosden-trained **Tivoli (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) in the six-furlong fillies' maiden when he was unshipped in the parade ring. Tivoli was withdrawn and Dettori, who appeared to be holding a shoulder following the incident, did not take up his only other mount aboard **Falak (Fr)** (Whipper) in the following race.

Dettori's agent Ray Cochrane said, "I've spoken to Frankie and he's in good spirits. Nothing's broken. His shoulder is a bit sore, but otherwise he's fine."

Dettori has two booked rides at Kempton on Wednesday evening and four at Newbury on Thursday afternoon. He is also due to be at Ascot on Wednesday morning to put several of American trainer Wesley Ward's Royal Ascot hopefuls through their paces.

Asked whether Dettori would head to Ascot, Cochrane said, "I'll leave that up to him."

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Frankie Dettori | *Racing Post*

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Tuesday's Results:

2nd-SAL, £7,000, Cond, 6-13, 2yo, 6fT, 1:14.15, g/f.

SIMPLY BREATHLESS (GB) (f, 2, Bated Breath {GB}--Darling Grace {GB}, by Nayef), sixth on debut in a Newmarket novice event over this trip on May 18, raced under cover behind the early leader. Driven to gain the lead with 150 yards remaining, the £10,000 GOUKSI yearling asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Groundnut (GB) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}). The winner is the second foal out of a half to the SW and GSP Penmaen (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) and Glencadam Glory (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), who was runner-up in last month's Listed Lingfield Derby Trial. The second dam is the Listed Boadicea Fillies' S. winner and G3 Summer S. runner-up Lady Grace (Ire) (Orpen), a half to the G3 Prestige S. scorer Gracefully (Ire) (Orpen), who was later responsible for the G1 Falmouth S. heroine Giofra (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Darling Grace also has a filly foal by Swiss Spirit (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,732. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.

O-The Hold Your Breath Syndicate; B-Highgate Stud (GB); T-Clive Cox.

British Report Cont.

1st-SAL, £7,000, Cond, 6-13, 2yo, 6fT, 1:14.08, g/f.
INITIATIVE (IRE) (c, 2, Excelebration {Ire}--Viking Fair {GB}, by Zamindar), a May 18 debut second over this trip at Newmarket last time, missed a beat at the kick before recovering to track the leaders in fourth here. Nudged along when angled into clear runway at the two pole, the 6-5 chalk led entering the final eighth and was ridden out thereafter to hold the late bid of Autumn Leaves (GB) (Helmet {Aus}) by a length. The bay, who RNA'd at 20,000gns as a TAOCT yearling, is the second scorer out of an unraced daughter of G3 Prix Minerve victress Danefair (GB) (Danehill), who in turn produced MGSW sire and G1 Dewhurst S. third Trade Fair (GB) (Zafonic), and Listed Prix de Thiberville winner Village Fete (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), herself the dam of G3 Glorious S. and G3 Geoffrey Freer S. victor Kings Fete (King's Best). From a family which also features MGISW producer Ventura (Chester House), he is kin to a yearling colt by Kodiac (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $7,355. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Saville House Racing Club; B-J F Tuthill (IRE); T-Henry Spiller.

3rd-SAL, £8,000, Mdn, 6-13, 3yo/up, 6f 213yT, 1:26.53, g/f.
LA RAV (IRE) (c, 3, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Swift Acclaim {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB}), fifth on his racecourse bow over a mile at Newmarket on May 19, started as the 11-4 favourite and broke awkwardly before settling in mid-division. Gradually creeping into contention passing halfway, the 10,000gns TAOCT yearling and 120,000gns TATHIT 2yo struck the front approaching the furlong pole en route to a 4 1/2-length verdict over Blazed (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). La Rav is the only foal out of a half to the G3 Prix de Ris-Orangis winner Presto Shinko (Ire) (Shinko Forest {Ire}) who descends from Hesmonds Stud's stellar producer Triple Reef (GB) (Mill Reef), dam of the G2 Sun Chariot S. heroine Talented (GB) (Bustino {GB}), who was later responsible for the G2 Dante S. winner and G1 Epsom Derby third Carlton House (Street Cry {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $6,552. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O-Mr Simon Capon; B-Mrs Alison Lewis (IRE); T-Luca Cumani.

1st-YAR, £5,500, Mdn, 6-13, 2yo, f, 6f 3yT, 1:13.39, g/f.
+HERMOSITA (GB) (f, 2, Exceed and Excel {Aus}--Honorlina {Fr}, by Linamix {Fr}) lurched from the gate to race in a handy fourth from the outset of this unveiling. Coaxed into second with two furlongs remaining, the 9-4 favourite came under increased rousting thereafter and kept on strongly in the closing stages to deny First Drive (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}) by a neck nearing the line.

"She jumped, we got a lovely lead into the race and she won quite cosily in the end," said winning rider Andrea Atzeni. "I always had the [eventual] runner-up covered, I didn't want to be overly hard on her and, hopefully, she's a filly with a bright future." Half to a yearling filly by Shamardal, she is the second scorer out of a winning full-sister to G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois-winning French highweight Vahorimix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) and stakes-winning G3 Prix La Force runner-up Vadalix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}). Her second dam, Listed Prix de Thiberville victress Vadsa Honor (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}), is also the granddam of G1 Irish St Leger heroine Voleuse de Coeurs (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) and hails from a family which also includes top-level scorers Val Royal (Fr) (Royal Academy), Valixir (Ire) (Trempolino), Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), Vazira (Fr) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), Vadawina (Ire) (Unfuwain) and Valyra (GB) (Azamour {Ire}). Sales history: 65,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $4,504. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**.
O/B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Roger Varian.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sporting Times (GB), g, 3, **Sir Percy (GB)**--Queen Of Iceni (GB), by Erhaab. LIN, 6-13, 9fT, 1:55.30. B-Mrs I Stewart-Brown & M Meacock (GB).

APPOINTMENTS

Eleanor Dunne: ITBA Next Generation Chairman

- Dunne replaces Sean Flannery as ITBA Next Generation Chairman.
- Dunne served as a ITBA Next Generation apprentice and is PA and racing secretary to trainer Ger Lyons, in addition to riding out.

- Dunne is also involved in her family's bloodstock business Rockview Stables, pinhooking yearlings and preparing breeze-up horses.

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Tuesday's Results:
4th-NTS, €20,000, Cond, 6-13, 3yo, 8fT, 1:36.74, gd.
TRES BELAFFAIR (FR) (g, 3, Zambezi Sun {GB}--Affair {Fr}, by Montjeu {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-0, €32,800. O-Quirinus Laumans & Norbert Leenders; B-Denis & Mme Annie Lemarie (FR); T-Norbert Leenders.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Raqeeq (GB), g, 3, **Champs Elysees (GB)**--Sailors Path (GB), by New Approach (Ire). NTS, 6-13, 12fT, 2:31.81. B-GB Partnership (GB). *50,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT.
Foulognes (Ire), f, 3, **Lope de Vega (Ire)**--Desisterna (Ger), by Sternkonig (Ire). LCR, 6-13, 9fT, 1:52.80. B-Gestut Ammerland (IRE). *€38,000 Ylg '15 BBAGS; €23,000 2yo '16 ARQMAY.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Sydney Tracks To Extend Training Hours Cont. from p1

Many overseas workers in stables are foreign nationals that have come to Australia under the 457 visa scheme, which is set to be abolished and replaced with a temporary skill shortage visa, and there is widespread concern that, especially with such early start times, there will not be enough Australian nationals willing to take their places. Racing Australia has been working with the government to eliminate the consequences to the racing industry.

"Whilst there isn't widespread support for a later start, this trial acknowledges that the needs of trainers and their staff is changing and will still give trainers the option of allowing their staff and stables to start later and finish later in the morning if they desire," said Heddo. "We will continue to monitor the trial and work with our trainers to ensure the optimum outcome for all participants."

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NEW RIDER REQUIRED FOR CHAUTAUQUA

Jockey Tommy Berry announced last week that he would be riding in Hong Kong next season for trainer John Moore and, as a result, MG1SW **Chautauqua (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), whom Berry has ridden in the past, is in need of a new pilot for the A$10-million The Everest S., *racenet.com* reported.

The Oct. 14 feature clashes with a Hong Kong Jockey Club fixture scheduled for that Saturday, with Berry's special request for a release denied by the HKJC.

"It's disappointing, but I understand and respect the club's decision," Berry told *racenet.com*. "If we were racing on the Sunday in Hong Kong there wouldn't have been a problem. I've spoken to John Hawkes and he understands and said it's just unfortunate. John said you're starting a new chapter of your career and you just need to concentrate on that."

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Chautauqua | *Bronwen Healy*

GAVELHOUSE.COM HITS RECORD HIGH

New Zealand Bloodstock (NZB)'s gavelhouse.com's online sale saw the business hit major milestones on Monday. From 40 lots offered online, the gross totalled NZ$587,800, bringing the total sales since gavelhouse launched in April of 2016 to over NZ$3 million. Clearance rate was 93%, topped by broodmare Ampin (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) as lot 31 from the Gartshore Bloodstock dispersal. The daughter of G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas runner-up Ambitious (NZ) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), who is a half-sister to Australian Group 3 winner and G1 Australian Guineas bridesmaid Strike the Stars (NZ) (Savabeel {Aus}) was carrying to New Zealand champion sire Savabeel (Aus). Also a half-sister to Best Case (NZ) (Savabeel {Aus}), who was third in the G1 South Australian Derby, Ampin brought NZ$211,000 from bloodstock agent John Foote.

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Gavelhouse.com Hits Record High Cont.

"Gavelhouse.com has well and truly exceeded our expectations," said NZB managing director Andrew Seabrook. "In a little over a year, the company has sold 531 horses for just under NZ$3.1 million. Providing a consistent and cost effective platform for our clients to sell their horses throughout the year has been key. Whilst gavelhouse.com isn't going to have an effect on the yearling and 2-year-old sales at Karaka in the immediate future, the results online in recent times are proving that quality horses will sell very well. Our clients, vendors and buyers alike, have really embraced the concept and I'm sure it's only going to keep growing."

A significant drop in the July 28 NZB's Winter Mixed Bloodstock Sale entries due to the increased participation in the gavelhouse.com online auction platform has seen that sale cancelled. For more information and complete sale results, go to www.nzb.co.nz.

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AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Effortless Reward (Aus), f, 3, **Reward For Effort (Aus)**--Sharna Cabarna (Aus), by Dolphin Street (Fr). Vaal, 6-13, Hcp., 1000mT, :57.09. O-Mr M J A Ferreira; B-Elizabeth Park Lodge (Vic); T-L W Goosen. *Carried top weight of 132 pounds to a two-length victory as the 2-1 favorite. It was her fourth consecutive victory. **A$30,000 Ylg '15 INGMEL.

Blake Shinn is booked for two rides for trainer Wesley Ward Wednesday at Belmont Park in New York:

Race	Horse (Sire)	Purse	Race type	Dist
6	Holidays Saratoga	$55,000	Starter allowance	8.5fT
7	Star Empire (GB)	$47,000	Claiming ($25,000)	6fD

2017 3-Year-Old & Up Group Races in France

Date	Race
June 28	G3 Prix De Ris-Orangis
July 1	G3 Prix De La Porte Maillot
July 16	G3 Prix Messidor
July 19	G3 Grand Prix De Vichy
July 30	G1 Prix Rothschild
Aug. 6	G3 Haras De La Pomme (Argentine) Prix De Reux
	G2 Haras Firmamento Prix De Pomone
	G1 LARC Prix Maurice De Gheest
Aug. 13	G1 Prix Du Haras De Fresnay-Le-Buffard Jacques Le Marois
Aug. 20	G2 Darley Prix Kergolay
Aug. 27	G2 Lucien Barrierre Grand Prix De Deauville
	G3 Prix De Meautry-Barriere
	G3 Prix Quincey Barriere
Sept. 3	G3 Prix Du Pin
Sept. 10	G1 Qatar Prix Du Moulin De Longchamp
	G3 Qatar Prix Du Petit Couvert
	G1 Qatar Prix Vermeille
Sept. 16	G3 La Coupe De Maisons-Laffitte
Sept. 20	G3 Prix Bertrand De Tarragon
Sept. 30	G2 Qatar Prix Daniel Wildenstein
	G2 Qatar Prix De Royallieu
	G2 Qatar Prix Dollar
Oct. 1	G1 Prix De L'Opera-Longines
	G1 Qatar Prix De L'Abbaye De Longchamp*
	G1 Qatar Prix De L'Arc De Triomphe
	G1 Qatar Prix De La Foret
Oct. 12	G3 Prix Andre Baboin Grand Prix Des Provinces
Oct. 15	G2 Prix Du Conseil De Paris
Oct. 22	G3 Prix De Flore
Oct. 29	G3 Prix Perth
Nov. 1	G3 Prix De Seine-Et-Oise
Nov. 11	G3 Prix Fille De L'Air
Oct. 22	G1 Prix Royal-Oak

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