

BEST 'REGARDS' ARCH COLT AS ONLY STEP ONE



Instilled Regard skips clear in the LeComte | Amanda Hodges Weir

by Joe Bianca

Every so often, a name unbeknownst to the horse racing community shows up at a marquee sale and jumps right into the deep end, duking it out with the biggest players in the sport for some of the top-priced offerings. Those immediate investments don't always work out, as there tend to be reasons, manifested over decades, that the heavy hitters have established themselves. It helps, however, if like OXO Equine's Larry Best, you're committed to playing the long game. Saturday, the first piece of a foundation was set for OXO when Best's **Instilled Regard** (Arch) scored convincingly in the GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds and established himself as an early GI Kentucky Derby contender.

Best bought six horses--three colts and three fillies--as his entree into racing, starting with a pair of yearlings for a combined \$900,000 at the 2016 Keeneland September sale. He made his first big splash at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale in March, purchasing a filly by Uncle Mo ([hip 57](#)) for \$1.5 million and a son of More Than Ready ([hip 156](#)) for \$1.1 million and he continued his buying spree at the March OBS 2-Year-Olds in Training sale, going to seven figures each for a pair of juveniles from the Tom McCrocklin consignment. After forking over \$1.1 million for [Hip 349](#), a Tapit filly out of a graded stakes-placed daughter of four-time champion Azeri, Best went in for \$1.05 million on [Hip 515](#), a colt from the second-to-last crop of the late, outstanding sire Arch who breezed a quarter-mile in :20 4/5.

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SECOND CHANCES

by Steve Sherack

In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar. In this edition, 3-year-old colts by leading sires Curlin and Distorted Humor are featured.

Montmartre (c, 3, Distorted Humor--Modeling, by Tapit), from the same female family as Classic winners Rags to Riches and Jazil, stamped himself as one to watch with a game third going six furlongs on debut for Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer at Los Alamitos Dec. 17 ([video](#)).

Off as the 9-5 favorite, the Don Alberto homebred was under the gun from the bell beneath Mike Smith and set a pressured pace through sharp opening splits of :22.34 and :44.31. He continued to battle down the stretch and just got reeled in late to finish third, beaten 3/4 of a length.

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Living legend. A.P. Indy greets visitors during Wednesday's Press Pass event at Lane's End Farm in Versailles, KY. See Friday's TDN for story and more photos. | Justina Severni

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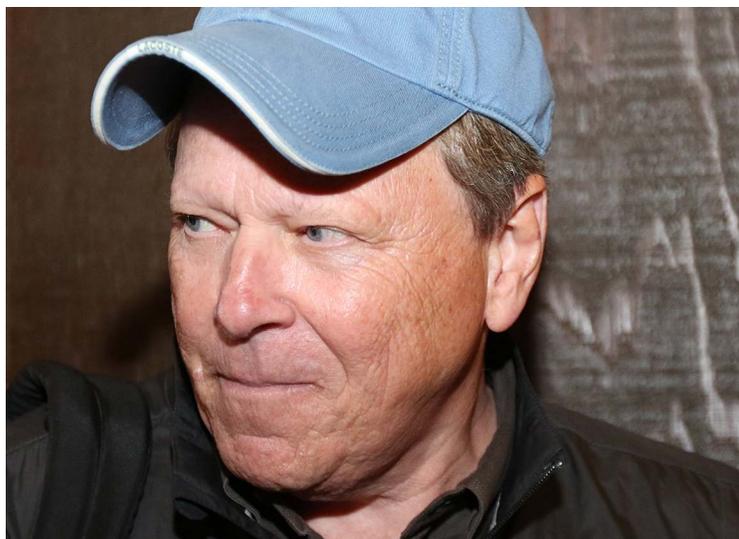
Best 'Regards' Arch Colt as Only Step One

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"He was just a great specimen of a horse," Best recalled of Instilled Regard's OBS appearance. "He had everything you're looking for. Well-balanced, about the right size, had a good breeze. He was just a standout."

Instilled Regard made his debut going 6 1/2 furlongs Sept. 2 at Del Mar, showing late interest to be second by a half-length to American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile)'s full-brother St Patrick's Day. Third behind 'TDN Rising Star' and Monday's Smarty Jones S. winner Mourinho (Super Saver) after that, the dark bay graduated by open lengths when stretched out to two turns Oct. 29 at Santa Anita. Despite being a little light on speed figures to that point, trainer Jerry Hollendorfer tried the colt in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity Dec. 9, and his confidence was rewarded, as Instilled Regard jumped way forward to be runner-up at a tick under 18-1. Saturday, he put it all together, kicking away from previously unbeaten 'Rising Star' Principe Guilherme (Tapit) and 11 others at the New Orleans oval.

"He was fit and a lot of credit goes to Jerry," Best said. "It's been consistent for four months, each time out, he seems to grow and progress. I think he was ready for that race and he ran well."



Larry Best at Keeneland September in 2017 | Keeneland Photo

Best worked for Boston Scientific for 15 years as Chief Financial Officer and later as Executive Vice President of Finance & Administration until 2007, at which point he left to found OXO Capital LLC, an investment fund concentrating on specific medical devices.

"We're focused on breakthrough technologies in what's called the 'structural heart space,' attempting to repair and replace heart valves," Best explained. "The last 10 years, I've been focused on that, figuring out how to treat an untreated population."

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As for entering the racing world in such a big way so suddenly, Best is under no illusions about how much he still has to master. He is also grateful that he has been welcomed with open arms by an industry always looking for new owners.

“It’s a really new space that I’m educating myself on,” Best said. “I’m very new and a novice at this point. But everyone I’ve had the opportunity to deal with in the Thoroughbred industry has been very kind and has offered guidance. Everybody’s just been great and I continue to learn.”

Instilled Regard has already put Best ahead of the game in many respects, giving the owner an early Triple Crown contender in his first racing year. But the 68-year-old is consistently taking the long view and, like a hardcore businessman, knows not to evaluate the success of his substantial investments so soon.

“I’ve said many times that I don’t think about returns this early,” Best said. “He is one horse who has progressed well and we’re having a lot of fun, but it’s way too early to think in terms of returns. We’ve got a lot of races ahead of us hopefully and we’ll see how it goes. All horses are different and mature differently. I’m thrilled to have one that’s doing so well, and I’ll keep my fingers crossed.”

After the waves he made last year and with Instilled Regard’s success fresh in mind, Best surely won’t take anyone by surprise when much of the industry descends on Ocala in two months for this year’s March sale, but true to form, he remains noncommittal on whether he’ll be making headlines again.

“I don’t buy that many horses, so it depends on what shows up,” Best said. “There are sales I go to where nothing gets me excited, so we’ll just have to see how the 2-year-olds in training look this year. I certainly plan to look at what’s available.”

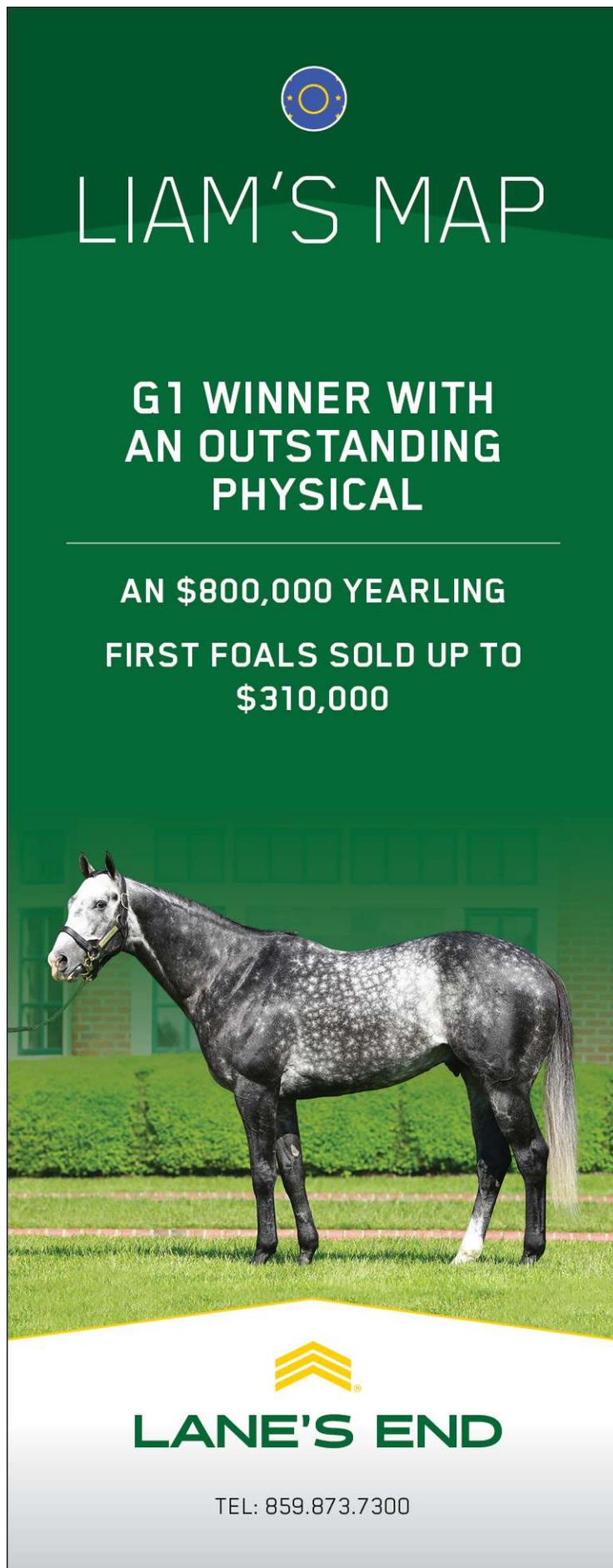
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Second Chances *(cont. from p1)*

The winner that day, All Out Blitz (Concord Point) returned to complete the exacta behind the undefeated Grade I-winning ‘TDN Rising Star’ McKinzie (Street Sense) in the GIII Sham S. Montmartre earned an 86 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort.

“We are very excited about him,” Fernando Diaz-Valdes, racing manager and advisor for owner Don Alberto Stable, said. “He’s the first foal out of the very well-bred Modeling, who we paid a lot of money for. The horse started training very well and ran huge first out at Los Alamitos, but unfortunately had a little bit of a sore shin since. The X-rays were all clean—it was a little sensitive and we just wanted to be careful—and he’s galloping now.”

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Modeling brought \$2.85 million from Don Alberto carrying Montmartre at the 2014 KEENOV sale | Keeneland Photo

The unraced Tapit mare Modeling, a half-sister to GISW Streaming (Smart Strike), was purchased by Don Alberto carrying Montmartre for \$2.85 million at the 2014 KEENOV sale. Modeling had a colt by Distorted Humor in 2016 (\$200,000 yrl ‘17 FTSAUG) and a filly by Medaglia d’Oro in 2017. She is currently not in foal and will be covered by Empire Maker in 2018, per Diaz-Valdes. Montmartre’s third dam is bluehen mare Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister).

MONTMARTRE

(c, 3, *Distorted Humor*--Modeling, by Tapit)

Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-1, \$4,800. O/B-Don Alberto Corp. (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer. *\$2.85 million i/u ‘14 KEENOV.



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New Colossus (c, 3, Curlin--Stellar Atmosphere, by More Than Ready) had plenty of buzz behind him entering the starting gate as the 6-5 chalk in a live-looking, six-furlong maiden race at Fair Grounds this past weekend and ran a big one in defeat after a troubled trip to finish a promising third.



Rick Porter with the legendary Songbird | Sarah Andrew

Drawn on the fence, he was ridden along early to keep up and dropped back a few spots to seventh as the field of nine entered the far turn. Shifted to the two path by Joe Bravo around the bend, New Colossus began to make some headway and continued his momentum after bumping hard with a rival at the quarter pole. Re-guided to the inside, he put forth a flashy rail run in the stretch and cut the final margin to 2 1/4 lengths.

“He had a terrible trip,” owner Rick Porter said. “It was a very strong race for him, especially going short being by Curlin. [Trainer] Larry [Jones]’s extremely high on this horse and has been from the beginning. I’m just as glad--we’ll come back and run against maidens again. Larry is still extremely high on him. I thought he ran a very credible race.”

Castlepark Farm purchased the mare Stellar Atmosphere, an unplaced homebred for Golden Eagle Farm, carrying New Colossus, for \$82,000 at the 2014 KEENOV sale. He went through the ring twice, bringing \$210,000 as a KEENOV weanling and \$400,000 as a KEESEP yearling. The Mabee family’s GISWs General Challenge and Notable Career both appear under the third dam. Stellar Atmosphere is also represented by an Orb colt of 2016 and was most recently bred to Palace Malice.

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NEW COLOSSUS

(c, 3, *Curlin*--Stellar Atmosphere, by More Than Ready)
 Lifetime Record: 1-0-0-1, \$4,510. O-Fox Hill Farms; B-Castle Park Farm, AF Thoroughbreds & John Karakourtis (KY);
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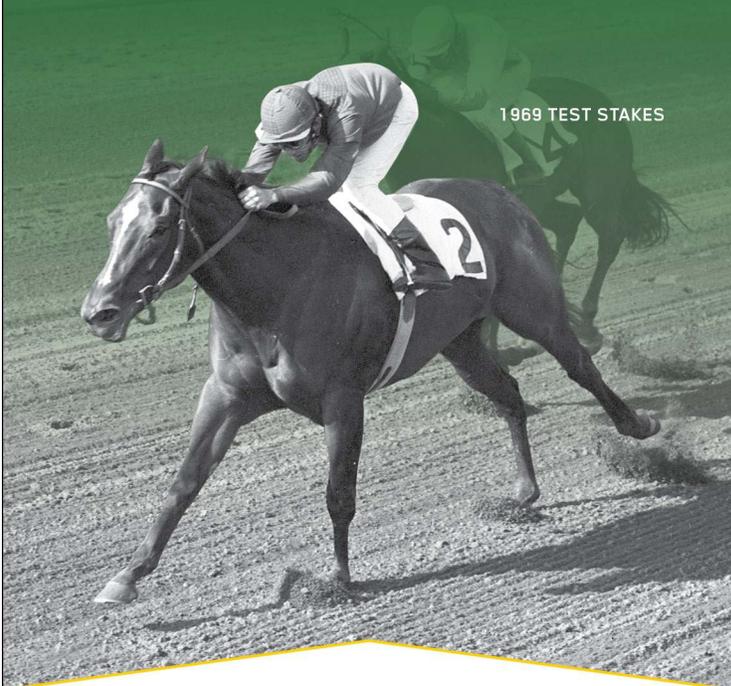
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A new executive budget bill introduced by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo Jan. 16 included proposed legislation that would allow the New York Racing Association (NYRA) to conduct night racing at Belmont up to three nights a week. The proposed legislation, which would need legislative approval before the budget is signed into law by the Governor before

Apr. 30, specifies that the track could race at night Thursday through Saturday, provided that the cards conclude by 10:30 p.m. ET.

While current law only allows racing to be conducted between sunrise and sunset, the New York Senate passed a bill in June 2017 that would allow NYRA to conduct night racing twice a week during Belmont's spring/summer and fall meets. The bill was not yet voted on by the State Assembly, and any additional legislative activity was deferred to the 2018 session.

Belmont Park was recently chosen as the site for a new arena for the NHL's New York Islanders that will be situated adjacent to the racetrack.

"We envision night racing as a part of a comprehensive redevelopment of Belmont Park," said Patrick McKenna, Director of Communications at NYRA. "The Islanders are making preparations to begin construction on a world-class arena that will be part of a sports and entertainment complex to rival any in the country."

While night racing is unlikely to become a reality in 2018, McKenna said the ultimate goal is to be ready when the time comes.

"This is an important moment, and it certainly marks the progress and momentum behind efforts to allow Thoroughbred racing at night," McKenna said. **Cont. p8**



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The language of the bill specified that NYRA would be required to coordinate post-times with Yonkers Raceway’s harness racing programs to facilitate an integrated schedule of racing.

In a December *TDN Q&A*, NYRA CEO Chris Kay said that night racing was an integral component of the development of Belmont Park into a modern day entertainment venue. The advent of nighttime racing, according to Kay, would dovetail perfectly with the Islanders’ arrival to the site.

“We would like to see night racing at Belmont, primarily because the sport of horse racing needs to generate new generations of fans, like millennials,” Kay told the *TDN’s* T.D. Thornton. “And those folks are working on a Thursday or a Friday afternoon. They like to go out and have a good time; we want to provide them with that opportunity. We want to offer our sport the way baseball offers their sport, at night when people can go.”

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FEAR THE COWBOY CONFIRMED FOR PEGASUS

Fear the Cowboy (Cowboy Cal) has been confirmed as the 11th starter in the Jan. 27 GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream Park. Co-owned by Raffaele Centofanti and Kathleen Amaya, Fear the Cowboy will run in the Pegasus for the partnership of Stronach Stables and Ronald and Jerry Frankel.

“It’s a really tough race,” trainer Efren Loza, Jr. said. “Our horse is really in good form. He loves Gulfstream. I know this is a big challenge, but our horse is in the peak form of his career. He’s a horse who, when you put him in with good competition, he will work hard. He’s the kind of horse who puts in enough effort to make a good race.”

Fear the Cowboy, who will be making his first Grade I start in the Pegasus, is coming off a win in the Dec. 16 GIII Harlan’s Holiday S. He also won the GIII Skip Away S. at Gulfstream last March.

The 6-year-old is expected to breeze Saturday in Ocala and ship to Gulfstream Park Jan. 24.

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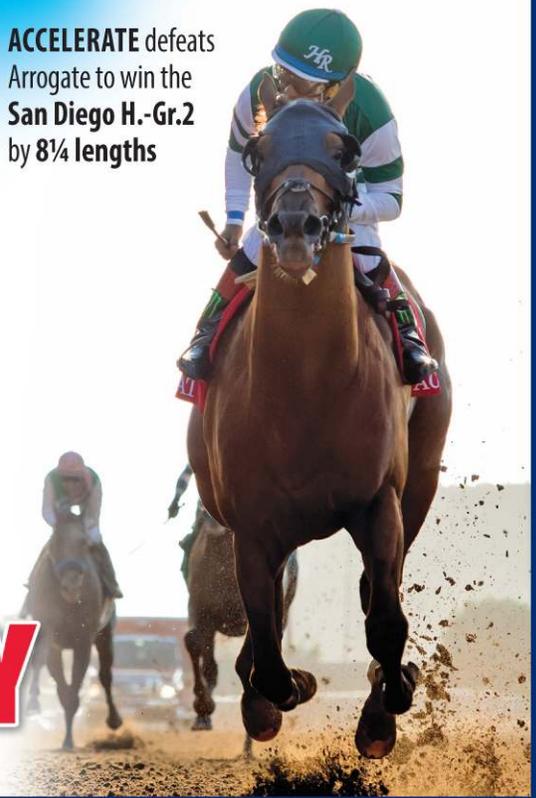
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Leading Sires in 2017, by Beyer 100+ Performances

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2	CURLIN (\$150,000)	182	13	106 KEEN ICE, CONNECT
3	LOOKIN AT LUCKY (\$17,500)	154	12	110 ACCELERATE
4	SCAT DADDY (Died)	251	10	118 TU BRUTUS (CHI)
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Tommy Town Thoroughbreds' **'TDN Rising Star'** and GI Cotillion S. heroine **It Tiz Well** (Arch--It Tiz, by Tiznow) has been retired to Brookdale Farm in Kentucky and will be bred to Tapit in 2018, according to the farm's Twitter page. Unraced since her win at the highest level at Parx Sept. 23, the filly was forced to miss a start in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff with a foot issue and recently emerged from a Dec. 30 workout with a bone chip in her ankle, according to numerous reports.

Named a 'Rising Star' after graduating from the maiden ranks at second asking at Los Alamitos in December 2016, the dark bay captured the GIII Honeybee S. at Oaklawn in March and the GIII Delaware Oaks in July. The Jerry Hollendorfer trainee previously knocked on the door at the Grade I level with a third in the Santa Anita Oaks in April and a runner-up finish in the Alabama in August before finally breaking through with a victory in the Cotillion. She retires with a record of 5-2-2 from 10 starts and earnings totaling \$1,130,840.

Tommy Town purchased It Tiz Well for \$230,000 as a Keeneland September yearling.

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4	Princess Princess	Discreet Cat	Ackerman Racing, Medallion Racing & Sparks, A E	Baltas	Conner	120
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Union Rags <i>(2009) by Dixie Union</i>	7	10	4	7	2	4	145	51	\$713,545 <i>Paradise Woods</i>	\$4,733,012
											<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>
2	Creative Cause <i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway</i>	7	9	2	2	--	1	117	65	\$640,291 <i>Twisted Tom</i>	\$3,813,890
											<i>Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$20,000</i>
3	Dialed In <i>(2008) by Mineshaft</i>	7	12	2	4	--	1	98	55	\$856,200 <i>Gunnevera</i>	\$3,652,009
											<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>
4	Maclean's Music <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor</i>	7	9	1	2	1	1	80	50	\$1,114,000 <i>Cloud Computing</i>	\$3,561,511
											<i>Stands: Hill 'N' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$25,000</i>
5	Star Guitar <i>(2005) by Quiet American</i>	5	8	--	1	--	1	53	32	\$188,866 <i>Givemeaminut</i>	\$1,588,034
											<i>Stands: Clear Creek Stud LA Fee: \$7,500</i>
6	Bodemeister <i>(2009) by Empire Maker</i>	4	10	2	2	1	2	146	65	\$2,320,600 <i>Always Dreaming</i>	\$5,090,321
											<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>
7	Algorithms <i>(2009) by Bernardini</i>	4	8	1	2	--	--	98	57	\$294,940 <i>Recruiting Ready</i>	\$2,848,099
											<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>
8	Stay Thirsty <i>(2008) by Bernardini</i>	3	5	1	2	--	--	114	67	\$411,000 <i>Coal Front</i>	\$3,741,405
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9	Gemologist <i>(2009) by Tiznow</i>	3	9	--	--	--	--	126	60	\$145,801 <i>Aquamarine</i>	\$2,902,295
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10	Declaration of War <i>(2009) by War Front</i>	3	6	1	4	--	2	53	11	\$129,431 <i>Olmedo (FR)</i>	\$619,185
											<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$25,000</i>
11	Shackleford <i>(2008) by Forestry</i>	2	10	2	6	--	--	123	71	\$616,800 <i>Malagacy</i>	\$4,290,282
											<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>
12	Tapizar <i>(2008) by Tapit</i>	2	5	--	3	--	--	122	55	\$255,100 <i>American Pastime</i>	\$2,840,490
											<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$12,500</i>
13	Dominus <i>(2008) by Smart Strike</i>	2	3	--	1	--	--	42	26	\$328,750 <i>Chanel's Legacy</i>	\$1,623,478
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14	Get Stormy <i>(2006) by Stormy Atlantic</i>	2	4	1	3	--	--	89	34	\$320,600 <i>Fifty Five</i>	\$1,466,330
											<i>Stands: Crestwood Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>
15	Indian Firewater <i>(2007) by Indian Charlie</i>	2	4	--	--	--	--	32	16	\$111,447 <i>Kris Who</i>	\$532,422
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FLORIDA

Wednesday's Results:

8th-GP, \$44,000, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 5ft, :56.63, fm.

JUMBY BAY (f, 4, City Zip--Rote, by Tiznow) kicked off a rolling double for her sire and trainer with this 10-1 upset. Settled worse than midfield, but close enough, the \$140,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase tugged her way into fourth prior to the turn. Looking loaded, but forced to cover some ground on the bend, the blaze-face chestnut hit another gear in upper stretch and ran up the score to take it by four commanding lengths, with a race-fastest final furlong in :11.57. Stakes-placed at two and three, Jumby Bay was second in Tampa allowance company last March and returned from an 8 1/2-month hiatus to be sixth as the favorite in a GPW allowance Nov. 25. Jumby Bay is out of a winning half-sister to turf GISW Magnificent Song (Unbridled's Song). Her half-sister Royal Obsession (Tapit), GSP, \$140,857, sold for seven-figure pricetags on three occasions--first as an FTSAUG yearling in 2014 before fetching \$1.15 million from Stonestreet Stables at KEENOV in 2015. She recently returned to the latter sale this past fall in foal to Curlin and was hammered down to Don Alberto Corp. for \$1.8 million. Rote produced a Tapit colt in 2017 and was most recently covered by the Gaines Lifetime Record: MSP, 9-2-3-0, \$77,485. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Marbat LLC (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher.

9th-GP, \$44,000, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-17, 3yo, 7f, 1:23.18, ft.

IMPACT PLAYER (c, 3, City Zip--Candy Apple {Arg} {GSW-Arg}, by Halo Sunshine) was sent off the hot favorite at 2-5 on the heels of a big-figure maiden victory Dec. 13 and was quickest into stride, set a controlled pace and dropped the hammer late, cruising home to a 7 1/4-length success at Gulfstream. Drawn gate two, the bay colt, blinkered for the second time, was fastest away and did not have to work overly hard through an opening quarter-mile in :23.58. The long-striding colt had those immediately behind him hard at it and was traveling smoothly on the turn after four furlongs in a tepid :46.90, and with chief market rival Septimius Severus (Roman Ruler) under the pump from Tyler Gaffalione at the quarter pole, it was just a matter of how far for Impact Player.

He was ultimately ridden out to a convincing success. Septimius Severus, a private purchase by West Point Thoroughbreds, Reeves Racing and R.A. Hill Stable off a winning Aqueduct debut Nov. 25, was off slowly and did well to be second. Impact Player was runner-up to future GIII Futurity S. winner Engage (Into Mischief) at Saratoga Sept. 4, but was an odds-on fourth in a Belmont turf sprint Oct. 1 and fifth in a main-track mile Oct. 25. Among those behind him last time was his fourth-placed stablemate Road to Damascus (Pioneerof the Nile), a \$475,000 Keeneland September yearling who bounced back to graduate with an 80 Beyer Speed Figure at Tampa Jan. 14. A \$350,000 OBS April acquisition last spring, Impact Player is out of a Group 3-winning half-sister to leading sire Candy Ride (Arg) (Ride the Rails) who was most recently bred to Gemologist. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$74,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-NK Racing; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



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3rd-TAM, \$20,250, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-17, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.02, fm.

CUESTION DE TIEMPO (c, 3, The Factor--Sayedah {Ire} {GSW-Eng, SP-Fr}, by Darshaan {GB}) remained perfect in two starts on the grass with a second consecutive gate-to-wire tally. Bet into 12-5 favoritism, the bay won the break and established an easy lead before coming back nicely to Javier Santiago. He widened his advantage in upper stretch and was never in serious danger as second choice Peach of a Gal (Curlin) whittled the winning margin down to 1 1/4 lengths. Produced by a stakes-winning half-sister to the dam of MGSW & G1SP Magical Memory (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Cuestion de Tiempo is a half-brother to Battle of Marathon (War Front), GSP-Ire, SP-Eng. Sayedah is the dam of the 2-year-old filly Magical War (Declaration of War), while the mare's current yearling full-sister to Cuestion de Tiempo sold for \$15,000 at last week's Keeneland January Sale. Sayedah was most recently bred to Air Force Blue (War Front). Sales history: \$80,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$80,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$23,892. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Secure Investments & I C Racing LLC; B-Rhinestone Bloodstock (KY); T-Ignacio Correas IV.

Florida Report cont.

8th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 1-17, 3yo, f, 1m 40y, 1:43.95, ft. TEN DEMERITS (f, 3, Into Mischief--Pussycat Doll {MGISW, \$797,183}, by Real Quiet) tracked the pace three deep after breaking from a wide gate, was sent into the lead on the far turn and outstayed first-starter and \$475,000 Keeneland November weanling Commentary (The Factor) to break her maiden by 3/4 of a length as the 21-10 favorite Wednesday afternoon at Tampa. A rallying fifth after drifting far back on her Nov. 21 debut sprinting at Parx, the homebred improved to be a distant runner-up going seven panels at this venue Dec. 30 in her two previous efforts. Ten Demerits is the fifth winner from as many to race for her dam, who posted a trio of Grade I victories at seven furlongs, including the 2005 La Brea S. Pussycat Doll, a daughter of 1999 La Brea winner Hookedonthefeelin (Citidancer), is also the dam of Aquaphobia (Giant's Causeway), SW, \$174,110; and Forever Popular (Dynaformer), SW-Eng, in addition to the stakes-placed Set to Music (Dynaformer). Pussycat Doll's half-brother Jimmy Creed (Distorted Humor) was represented by 20 individual winners from his first crop of runners in 2017. Barren to Into Mischief for 2017, Pussycat Doll was most recently bred to Uncle Mo. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$17,150. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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1st-AQU, \$60K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/8m, post time: 12:20 p.m. ET

Godolphin's **HOLLAND PARK (Tapit)** was bet down to be off as the 3-4 chalk for his 6 1/2-furlong debut over a 'good' Aqueduct strip Dec. 10, but chased from second throughout and finished three lengths adrift of the winner. The son of 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Round Pond (Awesome Again), purchased for \$5.75 million at FTKNOV in 2007, is kin to MSW & MGISP Long River (A.P. Indy) and is bred just like Godolphin's treble Grade I winner and new sire Frosted (Tapit) as well as GISW Tapizar (Tapit), both of whom are out of mares by Deputy Minister.

TJCIS PPs

4th-GP, \$53K, Alw/Opt. Clm., 4yo/up, 6f, post time: 2:05 p.m.

'TDN Rising Star' **MALAGACY (Shackleford)** was one of the standout 3-year-olds at this meeting last year, winning his maiden by some 15 lengths at first asking in the slop last January before clearing his first allowance condition by seven lengths a little more than six weeks later. The \$190K Fasig-Tipton Midlantic juvenile purchase was the comfortable two-length of the GII Rebel S. in his two-turn debut last March, but could do no better than fifth to Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile) from a high draw in the GI Arkansas Derby when last seen in April. His works over the Palm Beach Downs strip scream ready, but he does have the rail post to overcome in a salty field. Among the competition are fellow 'Rising Star' **Recruiting Ready (Algorithms)**, a two-time stakes winner making his first star since a third in the GII Woody Stephens S. last June; and **Sonic Mule (Distorted Humor)**, a dual black-type winner over this main track, including a defeat of Recruiting Ready in the 2016 Buffalo Man S. and a latest third to X Y Jet (Kantharos) in the GIII Mr. Prospector S. Dec. 23. **TJCIS PPs**

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INDUSTRY INFO

Divisions Added to Thoroughbred Incentive Program:

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program has added championship divisions in Dressage, Western Dressage, and Western Pleasure to the 2018 T.I.P. Championships. The second annual championships will be held on Sept. 9 at the Kentucky Horse Park.

"The inaugural T.I.P. Championships in 2017 saw 119 Thoroughbreds participating in 12 very competitive divisions, but we kept hearing from riders who wanted to compete in Dressage," said Kristin Leshney, senior counsel for The Jockey Club and the administrator of T.I.P. "We are excited to host the second annual all-Thoroughbred championship horse show in a world-renowned venue to show off the versatility of the Thoroughbred and recognize those owners and riders who have chosen to retrain a Thoroughbred for a second career. In addition to the Dressage classes at the New Vocations show, T.I.P. will be offering high point awards for Thoroughbreds at the USDF-rated MSED A Dressage at the Park for those riders who prefer to compete at a USDF show prior to the championships."

Sarah Coleman, director of education and development for New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program, added, "The 2017 New Vocations horse show and T.I.P. Championships were a resounding success as we welcomed riders from 22 states. We hope that the addition of Dressage and Western Dressage to both shows will encourage even more people to come to the Horse Capital of the World to highlight what these horses can do when they retire from the track."

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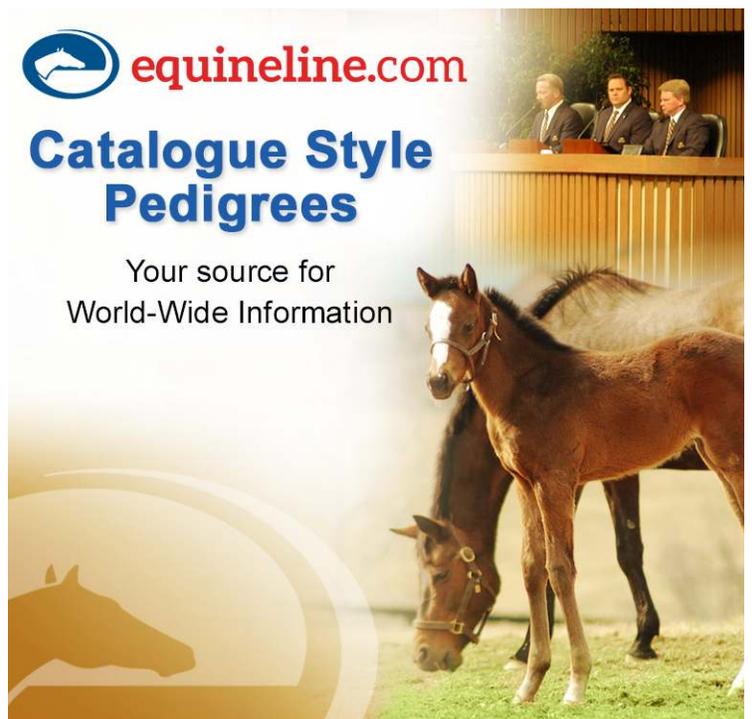
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IN JAPAN:

Molto Allegro, f, 3, **Speightstown**--Mo Chuisle, by Free House. Kyoto, 1-14, Kobai S., 7ft. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$445,135. O-Chizu Yoshida; B-Town And Country Horse Farm LLC & Frank & Kim Taylor (KY); T-Ryo Takei. *1ST STAKES WIN. **\$525,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. ***1/2 to Bench Points (Benchmark), GSW, \$309,258; and Points Offthebench (Benchmark), Ch. Sprinter-US, MGISW, \$514,940. ***"She answered when I asked," said jockey Mirco Demuro. "She will handle up to a mile." **VIDEO.**



IN SOUTH KOREA:

Munhak Princess, f, 3, **Wilburn**--Ocean's Away, by Stormy Atlantic. Seoul, 1-13, Hcp. (\$70k), 1000m. B-R L Glosson (KY). *1ST START WIN. **\$2,000 Ylg '16 OBSJAN; \$9,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG.

Samsam Victory, g, 3, **With Distinction**--Holiday Ashley, by The Cliff's Edge Seoul, 1-13, Hcp. (\$56k), 1200m. B-Deborah A Silveira (FL). *\$3,500 RNA Ylg '16 OBSJAN; \$25,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

New Citadel, c, 4, **With Distinction**--Ree Ensign, by Proud and True. Seoul, 1-14, Hcp. (\$141k), 1800m. B-Jodi Anderson (FL). *1/2 to Don'tcallmecharley (Bwana Charlie), SP, \$210,896. **\$9,000 Ylg '15 OBSAUG; \$25,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-GP, \$44,000, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f,
 1:12.29, ft.

LUZ MIMI (m, 5, Mineshaft--Nesselrode, by Lemon Drop Kid)

Lifetime Record: 18-4-7-2, \$151,385. O-Southfield Farm;
 B-Gabriel Duignan & Adrian Regan (KY); T-Jeremiah C Englehart.
 *\$70,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ferdinanda, f, 3, **Giant's Causeway**--My Mammy, by Came Home. GP, 1-17, (C), 1mT, 1:36.98. B-William M Backer Revocable Trust (VA). *\$55,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Sweet Victory (Blame), MSW, \$208,065.

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BURKE ON HIGH AFTER RECORD YEAR



Havana Grey & Unfortunately | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

After a season during which his stable breached the million-pound prize-money mark for the second year running and recorded its highest tally of winners, Karl Burke should be feeling on top of the world. Mind you, training where he does, from his scenic North Yorkshie eyrie, he's entitled to feel that way every day.

Even from the misleadingly titled Low Moor there's a sense of being above the clouds as clumps of fog cling to the hillsides below, partially obscuring the vast Park Farm operation of Burke's Middleham neighbour Mark Johnston.

In 2015 and '16, Burke made a major breakthrough, first with Odeliz (Ire) (Falco) and then Quiet Reflection (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), each of whom notched a brace of Group 1 wins. Then in 2017 the stakes were raised again. First the admirable little toughie **Havana Grey (GB)** (Havana Gold {GB}) appeared, winning twice in advance of Royal Ascot, including the Listed National S., before adding another listed success at Sandown and scrapping home in the mud at Glorious Goodwood to land the G3 Molecomb S. Less than three weeks later he made his first appearance in Group 1 company in the Prix Morny, with the one horse standing between him and glory being his stablemate **Unfortunately (Ire)** (Society Rock {Ire}), who the previous month had won the G2 Prix Robert Papin.

Further success for Burke's Spigot Lodge stable was to come in September and October when the statuesque **Laurens (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) won first the G2 May Hill S. then the G1 Fillies' Mile to ease her way into this year's Classic betting.

"We were just so lucky to have three really good horses all together. The previous year we had Quiet Reflection there as well, even though she didn't quite perform as hoped last year, but it was exciting for everybody connected to the yard," says Burke over a quick coffee break in the middle of four lots on a wet and windy morning.

The grim weather may present its own challenges as fresh older horses and inexperienced youngsters take to the vast expanse of the moor, but it does little to dampen the trainer's enthusiasm as he thinks ahead to spring and summer, with his stable remaining in good form during the current all-weather season and a select team ready to represent him in Dubai.

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Karl Burke with Havana Grey (I) and Unfortunately after the G1 Prix Morny | Emma Berry

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

BEST 'REGARDS' ARCH COLT AS ONLY STEP ON

Joe Bianca has the latest from OXO Equine's Larry Best, whose colt **Instilled Regard** (Arch) recently won the Gill LeComte S. at Fair Grounds. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

Burke on High After Record Year Cont. from p1

"Whatever Laurens does now is a bonus really as she's already a Group 1 winner and has cemented her stud value," he continues. "It's a similar case for Unfortunately, though he needs to win another Group 1 this year to become a major stallion, so there's a bit of pressure there. Havana Grey hasn't quite done it yet but I believe he can, even though it will be hard for him as those Group 1 sprints for 3-year-olds are few and far between. If we're keeping him at five furlongs he's probably going to have to take the older horses on straight away. The other problem will be that if we do step him up to six he's likely to run into Unfortunately. It will take some thinking about but it's a great problem to have, if you can call it a problem."

Unfortunately may yet turn out to be one of the worst-named horses in history. The only unfortunate thing about his story so far is the premature death of his sire Society Rock, who posthumously became the leading first-season sire of 2017, with the Tally-Ho Stud-bred colt being his key flagbearer. Burke doesn't shy away from running his horses regularly and Unfortunately was ready as early as the Craven meeting, at which he was fifth in a good maiden behind subsequent Group 3 winner Sound And Silence (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}). It wasn't long before he was following a well-beaten path from Spigot Lodge to northern France, where he recorded his two major wins and caught the eye of Cheveley Park Stud, who bought him after the Morny and happily decided to keep him in training at three.



Karl Burke watching his string | Emma Berry

"Unfortunately stays the six [furlongs] very well but he also has a high cruising speed and is from a very fast damline. I have to speak to Chis Richardson first but I imagine he will go to the Sandy Lane and then the Commonwealth Cup. I don't see anything obvious for him other than that and then, all being



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well, he'll be taking on the older horses," says Burke, who has also taken delivery of a 2-year-old colt and filly to train for David and Patricia Thompson this year.

He adds, "It's fantastic to have Cheveley Park Stud involved in the yard. I think it's a real feather in our cap to have been able to get a horse that they wanted as a stallion prospect and we're very grateful that they left him with us and have also sent us a couple of really nice yearlings. I just hope we can do them justice."

Unfortunately and Havana Grey may well be kept apart on the racecourse but at home they are inseparable, taking to the High Moor for an easy canter ([video](#)) under the watchful eye of their trainer, who admits to a secret soft spot for the latter.

"Havana Grey is as hard as nails," he says. "He's a great character and he loves his work. Right from day one all he wanted to do was gallop. I felt sorry for him really as he's a real battler with a lot of natural speed and he deserved to win a big one. Hopefully he can do that this year. If we're talking five furlongs, he's going to have to take on the older horses straight away, probably starting at Newmarket in the [G3] Palace House. There is a listed race for 3-year-olds only over five and a half furlongs in France in April, which might come into the picture, though I'm not too keen to travel him that early in the season."

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Havana Grey & Unfortunately after exercise | Emma Berry

Burke on High After Record Year Cont.

Both horses look to be wintering extremely well, with Havana Grey particularly having developed the type of neck and quarters one might expect to see on an older sprinter. The installation of a new lighting system throughout the yard, which helps to deliver more 'daylight' to the horses during these short days, appears to be working well as Burke's string have coats which wouldn't look out of place on horses who have wintered in Dubai. The two sprinters may have done well but it is Laurens who has the imperious air of one who considers herself the queen of the yard, and there wouldn't be too many people about the place who would disagree.

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Elaine Burke tacking up Laurens | Emma Berry

Burke on High After Record Year Cont.

The most expensive filly of the Goffs UK Premier Sale in 2016 and the first offering in Britain by Anna Sundstrom's Coulonces Sales, the daughter of Siyouni, despite being a good physical specimen, benefitted somewhat from the French system of naming horses as foals. Laurens duly had extra appeal to John Dance, whose daughter is named Lauren, and his serendipitous purchase, for whom he outbid Shadwell's Angus Gold, means that the new owner of Fair Winter Farm now has a Group 1 winner to retire to his broodmare band in the coming years.

"John and Jess Dance don't live that far from us and they love to support the north [of England]. I'm just very grateful that they chose to send horses to us and I hope we can continue to be successful for them. With Laurens we are keeping all options open and we'll see how she's training," says Burke after watching his wife Elaine canter Laurens on the High Moor in company with another of the stable's Group winners of last season, **Elthea (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}).

He continues, "She looks fantastic. She's strengthened, she's matured and we're confident that she's trained on. For me, the Prix de Diane is her goal at this stage. It's just a question of the route we go to get there. After that we'll have to see. We'll hopefully have the likes of Enable in our sights and be stepping up to a mile and a half, but she has to prove that she stays

beyond a mile and a quarter--I'm sure she'll get the mile and a quarter."

Perhaps its just her stature but there's no denying the regality of Laurens, who occasionally accentuates her already long stride by attempting the odd Zenyatta-like dance steps as she heads out to exercise. Burke may be one of the few trainers relishing taking on Enable this year, but on physique alone, Laurens would certainly not be outclassed.

He says, "She's always been a big, good-looking filly and she's very light on her feet, but she just had to fill her frame and now she's done that. She has that long stride and high cruising speed but she was still weak last year. When PJ [McDonald] was riding her early on we thought we'd just run her once at two. One thing we did learn about her quickly after her first run though is that she's a very clean-winded filly, which helps because you're not having to put the gun to their head at home. She never came off the bridle at home before her first run. She always just cruised though her gallops."

With the fine-tuning and decision-making still a few months off, there's plenty to occupy the mind of the trainer who is now overseeing his biggest team to date. A new barn for another 20 stables and a covered ride are in the process of being built, and two decent-sized lots of juveniles--including Havana Grey's full-brother--are keeping him fully engaged. [Cont. p5](#)



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Burke on High After Record Year Cont.

"At this stage they look as good a bunch physically as we've ever had. It's our largest team of 2-year-olds and certainly the biggest team of 3-year-olds as well," he says. "I'm working as hard now as I do at any time of the year but in a different way. You're watching the horses all the time and seeing them develop. It's very important at this time of year to push on at the right time and to back off at the right time. I've learned by my own mistakes that if you get either of those things wrong it can be detrimental to the horse."

Burke's family is fully immersed in the day-to-day proceedings at the yard.

Karl, Elaine and their two daughters Kelly and Lucy have all ridden winners on the track and the Burke women all play key roles in the business, not least riding out daily, while Lucy is assistant to her father and Kelly runs the office.

The numbers may be growing and the quality of individuals rising, but one of the hallmarks of Burke's career has been the success he has had with inexpensive horses, usually selected on his own judgement. The Group 1 winner Odeliz was bought at Arqana for just €22,000, while listed winner **Katie's Diamond (Fr)** (Turtle Bowl {Ire}) was selected at Osarus for €18,000. Another who could be worth following this year is **Raydiance (GB)** (Mayson {GB}), a listed winner last year at two who was bought privately for £7,500 after being unsold at the Goffs UK Silver Sale. [Cont. p6](#)



Karl Burke's string on the Low Moor | Emma Berry

Burke on High After Record Year Cont.

He says, "I love the sales, it's one of my favourite parts of the job really. It's hard work but we go into it determined to work hard and stick to the rules that I've always had. Even though we've spent more money lately I always stick to the same principles I had when I was buying cheaper horses. I love then seeing them come through and develop."

There's little that Burke doesn't spot as he watches his four groups of horses navigate the quiet country lanes to and from the gallops and enjoy a relaxed exercise at this important, formative stage of the year. He may share the ancient Yorkshire turf with a number of other trainers in Middleham but, based just a couple of miles away in the village of Coverham, he can remain splendidly aloof.

"Spigot Lodge is its own training centre really," he says. "We're right between the two gallops on Low and High Moor and that works brilliantly for us. We've been here 17 years now and it's a beautiful place to live. I love the space we have and when you have several good horses in the stable, you always have something to look forward to and something to plan."

He may train from on high but Burke's head isn't in the clouds, and with an enhanced team at his disposal this season he's likely to be contriving some pretty grand plans.

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TBA FLAT STALLION PARADE LINE-UP ANNOUNCED

A total of 11 stallions, standing either their first or second seasons at stud in Great Britain, will be on show in the 2018 Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Flat Stallion Parade at Tattersalls in Newmarket, on Thursday, Feb. 1. Held prior to the Tattersalls February Sale at 11 a.m. local time, the stallions will parade in the sales ring of Tattersalls.



Spill the Beans | The National Stud

They are: Whitsbury Manor's MGSW **Adaay (Ire)** (Kodiak {GB}); Overbury's GSW **Ardad (Ire)** (Kodiak {GB}); GISW **Cannock Chase** (Lemon Drop Kid) and GSW & G1SP **Peace Envoy (Fr)** (Power {GB}) of Worsall Grange; Batsford's Japanese MGSW & G1SP **Danon Ballade (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}); The National Stud's trio of G1 Racing Post Trophy hero **Marcel (Ire)** (Lawman {Fr}), reverse shuttler and Australian MGSW **Spill the Beans (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}), and MGSW & MG1SP **Time Test (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}); Irish highweight **Mattmu (GB)** (Indesatchel {Ire}), who stands at Bearstone Stud; Bucklands's GSW **Pearl Secret (GB)** (Compton Place {GB}); and Mickley's **Proconsul (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}).

After the parade, breeders, owners, trainers and spectators are invited to view the stallions in the left and right yards, where MGSW & G1SP **Cable Bay (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) of Highclere Stud, SW **Coach House (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) who hails from Bucklands with Pearl Secret and GSW & G1SP **Hellvelyn (GB)** (Ishiguru); and Gazeley Stud's MGSW & G1SP **Finjaan (GB)** (Royal Applause {GB}) will also be available for viewing. [Cont. p7](#)

TBA Flat Stallion Parade Line-Up Announced Cont.

TBA Chief Executive Claire Sheppard said, “The TBA Flat Stallion Parade has always been an excellent opportunity for breeders to see the latest additions to the stallion ranks at the Tattersalls February Sale. This year it is great to see that in addition to the newly retired stallions, breeders will also have the chance to see Danon Ballade and Spill The Beans who are both new to the domestic market. The TBA team will also be on site during the stallion viewings in the left and right yards to answer any queries. We are, as ever, thankful to Tattersalls for their continued support of this event which showcases the latest British-based stallions entering the market place.”

For more information go to www.thetba.co.uk.

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BRITAIN



EBF BECOMES OFFICIAL PARTNER OF TJC

The British arm of the European Breeders’ Fund (EBF), in recognition of the major investment domestic stallion studs make to British racing via the British EBF, is now an official partner of The Jockey Club (TJC), it was announced Wednesday. The goal of the partnership is to heighten awareness within the British racing industry of the significant contribution the British EBF is making to racing in the country, using the platform The Jockey Club can provide through its 15-strong group of racecourses nationwide. Most of the £1.6-million per year supplementation of prizemoney that the British EBF provides is via income from stallions standing in Great Britain. Owners are the direct beneficiaries of the fund, as EBF enhancements to prizemoney are always reflected above the minimum value of a race. The trustees also direct money into parts of the programme that encourage progression or which require support.

Stephen Wallis, Group Director of International and Racing Relations at The Jockey Club, explained, “The European Breeders’ Fund has been an integral part of the landscape of British Racing for more than 30 years. We are very pleased to be working with the British EBF now as an official partner in the promotion of our sport and in support of our prizemoney aims. Hopefully the group-wide platform we offer will help to showcase to the industry what a significant contribution the British EBF is making to racing in this country.”

Recently, the EBF has initiated investments in listed races, the EBF Breeders’ Series of fillies’ handicaps and sire/dam restricted

2-year-old maiden races which are geared toward stayers, while in the jumping sphere, among the 80 races EBF supports is a strong focus on fillies and mares.

Philip Mitchell, Chairman of the British EBF, added, “The trustees of the British EBF are delighted that The Jockey Club is acknowledging British stallion studs and owners’ support of British racing in this way. We hope that this new relationship will increase the profile of the organisation and help more people understand what we do and how we are funded. The Fund is still a vital tool to boost prizemoney which we could not provide without the support and generosity of the stallion masters.

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ENTRY TO EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME NOW ACCEPTING APPLICANTS

Applications are now **open** until April for the second year of the Entry to Employment Programme, a course that gives those who already have hands-on experience with horses the chance of a career in British racing. Part of an ongoing effort to attract more racing staff, the course consists of a five-week residential trainer course followed by a work placement at a training yard and will teach students the specifics of how to ride and look after racehorses. Potential applicants must have graduated or be in their final year of studies for an equine or animal-related qualification at an equine college and have a strong interest and desire to work with racehorses. The residential courses will run during the summer months at both the British Racing School in Newmarket and the Northern Racing College in Doncaster. Successful applicants will be asked to attend an assessment day where they will be interviewed and evaluated on their riding ability, fitness and overall suitability for the course.

“We were pleased with the results of the 2017 Entry to Employment Programme, with over 80% of the students who took part being placed into employment in racing,” said British Horseracing Authority Careers Marketing & Recruitment Advisor Michelle Douglas. “We are looking to build on the numbers in 2018 and I would encourage any equine college students who love horses and have never considered a career in racing to give it a try.”

Trainer Andrew Balding added, “This is an excellent programme that will give equestrian students direct access into the racing industry, not just as a potential jockey but for other sides of the industry too. We hope we, at Kingsclere, can continue to work alongside Careers in Racing by offering students placements which show them the real life within a racing yard.”

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British Report Cont.**Wednesday's Result:**

1st-LIN, £4,800, Mdn, 1-17, 3yo, 12f (AWT), 2:37.00, st/sl.

PERFECT ILLUSION (GB) (c, 3, Nathaniel {Ire}--Chicita Banana {GB}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}), backed into even-money favouritism, tanked along under restraint in fourth from the break. The 25,000gns TATDEY yearling then surged clear to record an emphatic 12-length debut win. The dam, who is also responsible for the listed-placed German runner Banana Split (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), is a half to the G2 Dante S. winner and G1 Criterium International third Bonfire (GB) (Manduro {Ger}) and the G2 Windsor Forest S. and G3 Musidora S. winner and G1 Beverly D. S. third Joviality (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). The third dam is the listed-winning Miss D'Ouilly (Fr) (Bikala {Ire}), a half to the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois heroine Miss Satamixa (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) who produced the GIII Cardinal H. winner Miss Caerleona (Fr) (Caerleon). She in turn threw Karen's Capar (War Chant), successful in the G3 Nell Gwyn S., GIII Noble Damsel Breeders' Cup H. and GIII Eatontown S. and placed in the G1 Coronation S. and G1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S., and also the GII Davona Dale S. winner Miss Coronado (Coronado's Quest). Chicita Banana also has a 2-year-old colt by Charm Spirit (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,282. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mr & Mrs R Gorell/N Botica & Partner; B-James Ortega Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

5th-LIN, £5,800, 1-17, 4yo/up, 5f 6y (AWT), :59.94, st/sl.

BERNIE'S BOY (GB) (g, 5, Lilbourne Lad {Ire}--Stoney Cove {Ire}, by Needwood Blade {GB}) Lifetime Record: 27-3-7-6, \$38,578. O-Mr Trevor Johnson; B-Mrs Eleanor Kent (GB); T-Phil McEntee. *18,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT; 21,000gns HRA '16 TATAHI.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Ode to Autumn (GB), g, 3, Showcasing (GB)--Turning Leaf (Ire) (GSP-Ger), by Last Tycoon {Ire}). NC, 1-17, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:44.23. B-Windmill Farm Partnership (GB). *105,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; 220,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT. **1/2 to Turning Light (Ger) (Fantastic Light), GSW-Ger.

FRANCE**Wednesday's Results:**

3rd-CGN, €24,000, Debutantes, 1-17, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:40.03 st.

TOUJOURS READY (GB) (f, 3, More Than Ready--Split Trois {Fr} {GSW-Fr, \$135,177}, by Dubawi {Ire}), sent off at 18-5, was involved in the rush for the lead initially before being reined back by Cristian Demuro to race behind the front three. Allowed to cruise to the lead with over two furlongs remaining, the 80,000gns TATOCT yearling showed a willing attitude to score by a length from Ladhayah (Kitten's Joy). The talented dam, who took the G3 Prix Eclipse at two and was later third in the G3 Prix de Saint-Georges, produced Robben Island (Dream Ahead) as her first foal and she turned out to be a Slovakian and Hungarian champion. With a 2-year-old colt by Kingman (GB) to follow, she hails from the family of the group-winning English and German highweight sprinter Auenklang (Ger) (Big Shuffle). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Ecurie I.M. Fares; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

4th-CGN, €24,000, Debutantes, 1-17, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:37.92, st.

WUSOOL (c, 3, Speightstown--Torrestrella {Ire} {G1SW-Fr, \$293,919}, by Orpen), who is the last progeny out of the now-deceased 2004 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Torrestrella, was soon into the lead. Only seriously challenged by Pretreville (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}) in the home straight, the 11-5 second favourite was always travelling too strongly to get into a tangle with that rival and hit the line with two lengths to spare and a seven-length margin back to the third. Torrestrella is a loss to Shadwell, having also produced the impressive G3 Rose of Lancaster S. scorer Intilaaq (Dynaformer), (GSW-Eng), and the smart Farmah, a daughter of Speightstown who captured the Listed Prix de Bonneval on home soil and the G3 Premio Carlo E Francesco Aloisi in Italy, (Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 5-7f, GSW-Ity & SW-Fr, \$158,256.) Her useful half-sister Torrealta (GB) (In the Wings {GB}) made her own mark as a broodmare, most notably via her daughter T'As d'Beaux Yeux (GB) (Red Ransom) who produced Heuristique (Ire) (Shamardal) who was third in last year's edition of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Another of Torrestrella's half-siblings, Aqua Ring (Jpn) (Anabaa), is the dam of Queens Ring (Jpn) (Manhattan Cafe {Jpn}) who captured the 2016 G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup and G2 Fuchu Himba S. and was second only to Kitan Black (Jpn) (Black Tide {Jpn}) in the G1 Arima Kinen two months ago. **Cont. p9**



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4th-CGN Cont.

This is also the family of the G2 Jockey Club Cup hero and G1 Hong Kong Cup runner-up Secret Weapon (GB) (Choisir {Aus}) and the Spanish Horse of the Year Diego Valor (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY); T-Francois Rohaut.



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WORLDWIDE NEWS

‘REYNALDO’ AIMS FOR DUBAWI QUINTET

The evergreen 12-year-old **Reynaldothewizard** (Speightstown) will attempt to win the 1200-metre \$175,000 G3 Dubawi S. sponsored by Borealis for a fifth time at Meydan on Thursday. A winner of this event when it was only a conditions race over the synthetic in 2013, it had gained listed status by his second victory in 2015. The Satish Seemar trainee, a winner of the Golden Shaheen in 2013, is looking for his third consecutive victory in the Dubawi, having saluted in each of the past two seasons and faces six rivals. He exits an eighth-place run in the 2017 Golden Shaheen.

“He is 12 now and has been an amazing horse for all of us at Zabeel Stables,” said champion jockey Richard Mullen. “He has never been much of a work horse in the mornings which has

probably aided the longevity of his career; he saves it for the track and hopefully, has another big run in him Thursday but it will not be easy.”

Shadwell’s 2016 Shaheen hero **Muarrab (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) enters on the back of a win over Godolphin’s runner-up **Comicas** (Distorted Humor) in the Dec. 21 Listed Garhoud Sprint following an unplaced run in last year’s Shaheen.

“We were very pleased with that comeback win and it was a good team effort as he had a few issues we had worked on,” said trainer Ali Rashid Al Rayhi. “Hopefully he is back to something approaching his best, in which case he will run a big race.”

“The Golden Shaheen, obviously over the same course and distance, was a career best from Comicas,” Appleby said, “He has definitely come on a lot for his comeback run and, on his best form, he has to be thereabouts on Thursday.”

Completing the Garhoud trifecta is **My Catch (Ire)** (Camacho {GB}), a winner of the Garhoud in 2014, he is back for another crack for trainer Doug Watson.

Watson said, “He was not really himself and misbehaved on the evening of the Garhoud Sprint when he did not really fire. He is better than that and seems in great shape at home so, if he breaks well, can hopefully go close.”

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Muarrab | Mathea Kelley

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‘NAVY’ WILL SET SAIL IN RUBITON

Merchant Navy (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who won the 1200-metre G1 Coolmore Stud S., will take the first step in his autumn campaign in the G2 Rubiton S. on Feb. 10, reported *Racing.com* Wednesday. Also successful in the G3 H.D.F. McNeil S. at Caulfield on Sept. 2, the bay colt was purchased by Coolmore for future stallion duty in a deal coordinated by bloodstock agent Mark Pilkington a month ago and, if all goes well, he will progress to Royal Ascot in June.

“Merchant Navy spelled great,” said trainer Aaron Purcell. “He’s a little bit bigger and stronger and possibly a little bit more colty. I think what he showed in the Coolmore is that he is a high-class sprinting colt, so we are going to follow down that path. We are looking to kick off in the Rubiton S. in about a month’s time. Then he’ll run second up in the [G1] Newmarket [H. at Flemington on Mar. 10] and then if he’s looking like he’s going well enough here, then Royal Ascot is still definitely in his sights. I’m sure we’re going to have a fun time in the next few months [with him].”

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Merchant Navy | Bronwen Healy

FAIRGRAY LEAVES WOODSIDE FOR YULONG

Woodside Park Stud’s General Manager Sam Fairgray will be leaving the stud and taking up a position with Yulong Park Stud, Woodside announced on Wednesday. Fairgray began his current position in May of 2017.

“I’d like to thank Sam for his efforts over the past six months and wish him well in his future endeavours,” said Mark Rowsthorn, owner of Woodside Park Stud. “In his short time at the farm, he has imparted a lot of knowledge to our people and his experience has been a real asset to our organisation.”

Said Fairgray, who will transition out of Woodside over the coming months, “I am sad to be leaving Woodside Park Stud, but the opportunity to join a global organisation like Yulong and manage its Australian breeding and racing operations was too good to pass up.”

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AUSTRALASIA

Sunday’s Results:

PERAK DERBY, RM200,000 (£36,259/€41,151/A\$63,005), Perak, 1-14, 3yo/up, 2400mT, 2:37.80, sf.

1--**TRUSON (AUS), 132, g, 6, Al Maher (Aus)--Ajaweed (Aus), by Hennessy.** (A\$27,500 RNA 2yo INGRTR). O-Hope Stable; B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd (NSW); T-Stephen Cook; J-F Yap; RM121,000. Lifetime Record: 43-12-12-5, RM1,033,886.
2--**Littlebitofjoy**, 114, g, 10, Kitten’s Joy--Shortstop Sal, by Ghazi. RM42,500.



3--**Value of Justice (Aus)**, 116, g, 5, Daliapour (Ire)--Amatila (Aus), by Redoute’s Choice (Aus). RM21,500.
Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, 3 3/4. Odds: n/a. **VIDEO**

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Zero Hedge (Aus), g, 4, **Medaglia d’Oro**--Idriess (Aus), by Anabaa. Happy Valley, 1-17, Hcp. (A\$141k), 1000mT, :57.28. B-Bowness Stud (NSW). *A\$550,000 Ylg ‘15 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

Jade Theatre (Aus), g, 4, **Pluck**--Miguelita (Aus), by Danehill. Happy Valley, 1-17, Hcp. (A\$210k), 1200mT, 1:09.79.

B-T Hartley (Vic). *Formerly Gasoline (Aus). **SP-NZ. **VIDEO**

Don’t Miss (Aus), g, 4, **Wanted (Aus)**--Paralegal (NZ), by O’Reilly (NZ). Happy Valley, 1-17, Hcp. (A\$141k), 1650mT, 1:40.95.

B-W B Andrews (Qld). *A\$28,000 Ylg ‘15 INGMEL. **VIDEO**

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Legend King (Aus), c, 4, **Duporth (Aus)**--Danish Princess (Aus), by Dolphin Street (Fr). Seoul, 1-14, Hcp. (A\$70k), 1200m. B-J Bloom (Vic). *1/2 to Lordag (Aus) (Any Given Saturday), MSP-Aus, A\$359,600; and Singularity (Aus) (Not a Single Doubt {Aus}), GSP-Aus, A\$103,900. **A\$50,000 Ylg ‘15 INGMEL; A\$50,000 2yo ‘15 INGRTR.

Thursday, Meydan Racecourse, post time: 8:50p.m. (11:50 a.m. EST/4:50 p.m. BST)

DUBAWI S. SPONSORED BY BOREALIS-G3, \$175,000 (£127,077/€143,140), NH & SH 3yo/up, 1200m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Reynaldothewizard 	Speightstown	Seemar	Mullen	125
2	Yalta (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	bin Ghadayar	Barzalona	125
3	Nawwaar	Distorted Humor	Al Rayhi	O'Neill	125
4	Muarrab (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Al Rayhi	Crowley	125
5	Comicas	Distorted Humor	Appleby	Buick	125
6	My Catch (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	Watson	Dobbs	125
7	Raven's Corner (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Seemar	Cosgrave	125

Saturday, Trentham, New Zealand, post time: 2:35p.m. (8:35 p.m. EST/1:35 a.m. BST)

HARCOURTS THORNDON MILE-G1, NZ\$200,000 (US\$145,622/£105,267/€118,982), Open, 3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	SC	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	3	Hiflyer (NZ)	Tavistock (NZ)	Lock	Parkes	125
2	2	Splurge (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Autridge/Richards	Bosson	125
3	6	Shadows Cast (NZ)	Per Incanto	Oulaghan	A Collett	125
4	11	Dolcetto (NZ)	Per Incanto	Kay	Myers	123
5	5	Savile Row (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	Moroney/Gerard	Innes	122
6	7	Amarula (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	McKay	McKay	121
7	8	Watch This Space (NZ)	Elusive City	Hillis	Weatherley	121
8	4	Ruud Not Too (NZ)	Bernardini	Marsh	Johnson	121
9	1	Prince Of Passion (NZ)	Castledale (Ire)	Miller	Coleman	121
10	12	Stolen Dance (NZ)	Alamosa (NZ)	Forsman/Baker	Spratt	117
11	10	Love Affair (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Forsman/Baker	Cameron	117
12	9	Savvy Dreams (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Lowry/Cullen	S Collett	117

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PP	SC	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Kawi (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Sharrock	Waddell	130
2	14	Start Wondering (NZ)	Eighth Wonder (NZ)	E & JJ Rayner	Parkes	130
3	18	Signify (NZ)	Perfectly Ready (Aus)	Cowan	No Rider	128
4	2	Packing Eagle (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Da Cruz	Thornton	123
5	3	Volpe Veloce (Aus)	Foxwedge (Aus)	Richardson/Parker	Bayliss	123
6	17	Chambord (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Richards/Autridge	McNab	122
7	1	Enzo's Lad (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	M & M Pitman	Weatherley	122
8	5	Ferrando (NZ)	Fast 'N' Famous (Aus)	Team Rogerson	Cameron	122
9	16	Sacred Star (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Pike	Colgan	121
10	11	Miss Wilson (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Bary	S Collett	121
11	12	Passing Shot (NZ)	Swiss Ace (Aus)	McKee	Spratt	121
12	9	Heroic Valour (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Autridge/Richards	Bosson	121
13	8	Rocanto (NZ)	Per Incanto	Marsh	Innes	121
14	7	Rock My Soul (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Holmes	A Collett	121
15	10	Carnival (NZ)	Showcasing (GB)	K & P Hughes	Lammas	119
16	4	Starvoia (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Parsons	Johnson	118
17	15	Volks Lightning (NZ)	Volksraad (GB)	Team Rogerson	Elliot	117
18	13	Sensei (Aus)	Dream Ahead	M & M Pitman	Johnson	117

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