

CONNECT, UNIFIED ON PARADE AT LANE'S END



Unified | Photos by Z

by Lucas Marquardt

Lane's End introduced two of its new stallions, **Connect** (Curlin) and **Unified** (Candy Ride {Arg}), to a press-only function at the Versailles nursery Wednesday. The former represents a new partnership between Lane's End and Three Chimneys Farm, which took an ownership interest in the Grade I winner.

"We bought into him when he was still on the race track, and being a Grade I-winning son of Curlin, and being as good looking as he is, we're excited to have him," said Lane's End's Bill Farish. Curlin previously stood at Lane's End.

Connect is one of two sons of Curlin entering stud in Kentucky in 2018—Keen Ice is the other—and embarks upon his new career with smart credentials. Owned by Paul Pompa, Jr. and trained by Chad Brown, Connect won six of eight starts, including a breakout score in the GI Cigar Mile H. in 2016. He has been installed at an initial fee of \$20,000, and Farish said that price point has resonated with breeders.

Doug Cauthen said Three Chimneys had pursued Connect as a stallion prospect, and came in as a partner after Lane's End landed him.

"I loved the horse, and [Three Chimneys owner] Goncalo [Torrealba] takes a very collaborative view, whether it's on breeding, racing or standing stallions," said Cauthen, vice chairman at Three Chimneys.

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OSBORNE CONFIDENT HIS PEGASUS ENTRY WON'T GET TOASTED *by Bill Finley*

It's a tall order, and trainer Jamie Osborne knows that. In **Toast of New York** (Theywayyouare), he'll be bringing a horse that has run once in three years into the world's richest race to face some of the world's best horses. And while his comeback resulted in an impressive win, it came in a modest \$25,000 race at Lingfield. But tough spot or not, Osborne is sure his horse will be competitive and isn't sure he can't win the \$16-million GI Pegasus World Cup.

"What I am confident about is that the horse deserves to be in the field," said the trainer, who is based in Upper Lambourn, England. "When it comes to the balance of probability, the [betting] market will tell you that's he's significantly more likely to lose than to win. But there is a chance that he can win it. When there is \$16 million being dangled in front of you I'm willing to bring him over and take that chance."

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The Keeneland grounds were covered in snow this week, but Thursday provided a welcome reminder that warmer weather is not far away, as the storied racetrack released its 2018 Spring Meet stakes schedule. Story on RR p2 | Keeneland photo

EARLY TRIPLE CROWN NOMS DUE

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Horsepeople are reminded that the \$600 early nomination fee for the 2018 Triple Crown is due prior to 11:59 p.m. Eastern time Saturday, January 20, 2018.

QUALITY ROAD COLT TOPS BARRETT'S JANUARY

RR 1

A newly turned 2-year-old colt by boom sire Quality Road fetched a final bid of \$120,000 to top Wednesday's single-session Barretts January Mixed Sale in Pomona, California. The sales-topper was purchased by O. J. Jauregui, agent for Highland Yard.

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Lane's End Stallion Parade cont.

"I've been following Connect for a long time. Even back when Eddie Woods had him down in Ocala, he always touted the horse."

It's the first time Three Chimneys has joined with another farm in a stallion venture. Asked if that's a trend he expects to become more common, Cauthen said, "There's a joy to standing a horse [by yourself], but there are also other times where you don't worry about that and just get involved."

To which Farish cracked, "We'd be happy to get in on Gun Runner."

Cauthen said that Three Chimneys took a sizable number of shares in Connect, and had tabbed several high-quality mares for him.

It could be argued that Connect's most impressive win came not in the Cigar Mile, but in the 2016 GII Pennsylvania Derby, when he defeated a field that included Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Exaggerator (Curlin) and Cupid (Tapit).

"They changed it to a Grade I the next year, but it was a Grade I [in quality]," said Cauthen. "He beat some pretty nice horses in there, and then went on and got the Grade I [in the Cigar Mile]. So in my mind he's a multiple Grade I winner in terms of talent."



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Click [here](#) or above to see Lucas Marquardt's video of the stallion show at the Lane's End press-only event Wednesday.

Lane's End's David Ingordo and bloodstock agent Marette Farrell joined Farish and Cauthen for a panel discussion after a parade of the farm's stallion roster. Ingordo noted that Connect's female line is entirely free of Northern Dancer and Mr. Prospector, opening the 5-year-old to a wide array of potential mates.

"Unless she's by Curlin or Smart Strike, almost any mare you have will work," Ingordo said.

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Unified is Lane's End's other new gun. Owned by Centennial Farms and trained by Jimmy Jerkens, Unified was tabbed a '**TDN Rising Star**' on debut, and added the GIII Bay Shore S. and GII Peter Pan S. in successive starts. Unified kicked off 2017 with a win over Mind Your Biscuits (Posse) in the GIII Gulfstream Park Sprint S. and was just touched off a neck in the GI Carter H.

"He's another horse we bought into at the racetrack, and he started off his career brilliantly with three wins," said Farish.

Farish was plenty familiar with the colt. Unified was raised at Lane's End on behalf of breeder Blue Devil Racing Stable, and, from the Lane's End Sales draft, commanded \$325,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling in 2014.

"As a yearling, he was one of the best-looking horses we had on the entire farm," said Ingordo. "From my standpoint, good-looking begets good-looking. I'm expecting him to throw an athletic and commercial yearling that we hope translates into some runners."

Unified joins Gun Runner and Mastery as Candy Ride (Arg) sons heading to stud in Kentucky in 2018, and at \$10,000, is the lowest priced of the trio. (Pro-tem Horse of the Year Gun Runner will stand for \$70,000; the undefeated Mastery goes to Claiborne at \$25,000.)

"He just got beat in a Grade I, and there's no question he's a Grade I talent," said Farish. "We would have loved for him to get a couple of those, but it didn't work out that way, so we started him out at a lower stud fee."

Lane's End has a reputation for pricing its stallions fairly, and Farish said initial breeder response has been favorable.

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Doug Cauthen and Dave Ingordo | Photos by Z

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"[Setting fees] is something we do by committee here," he said. "Especially for a first-year horse, you're trying to figure out what the market will bear, and you want to set a fee that hopefully you can maintain for the first three or four years. Sometimes you get it right, and sometimes you don't. With these two, it seems we've gotten it right..at least for this year."

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A.P. Indy is flanked by his champion sons Mineshaft (left) and Honor Code (right) at Lane's End Wednesday | Photos by Z

Toast of New York cont. from p1

In its short history, the Pegasus has never seen a horse quite like Toast of New York and may never again. He is good enough to have finished second, beaten only a nose, in a GI Breeders' Cup Classic. But that was way back in 2014 at Santa Anita, when he lost to Bayern (Offlee Wild).

After the Breeders' Cup, he was purchased by Al Shaqab Racing with the intention of racing him in the G1 Dubai World Cup. But while training for that race he suffered a tear in a tendon and it was decided to retire him. Al Shaqab is based in Qatar and that's where the stable sent Toast of New York to stand at stud. He was bred to about 15 mares during the 2016 breeding season, a limited number due mostly to the lack of quality dams in that country. With his sire career in flux and with the old injury having healed up, Toast of New York appeared to be a candidate to return to the races. It had been a long time, but Al Shaqab wanted to see if he could return to the form he showed at three in the Classic.

"It was an idea that was first thrown around probably 18 months ago, the possibility of him coming back," Osborne said. "So after much consideration with Sheikh Joaan and the Al Shaqab team, we decided with a very open mind we would bring him back and have a look to see where we were with him."

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6	Candy Ride	2.26
7	Into Mischief	2.16
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9	Kitten's Joy	1.98
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Osborne continued, "Realistically, deep down, we all believed this might be a mission that was not going to work and at some time we would be saying this was a nice idea but it just didn't work. But we were all open-minded about it."



Jamie Osborne | Goffs photo

Toast of New York returned to Osborne's yard in March. He said no pressure was put on him, the only instructions being try to get him back and take as much time as you need.

"It was going to be a matter of, if you can get him ready, see how he does," Osborne said. "And if you can't, then there's no great hardship."



Toast of New York (right) | Racing Post photo

Osborne got to the point where he felt Toast of New York was ready for a race and he found a spot for him at Lingfield over the all-weather track Dec. 6. It had been 1,130 days since his last start, but if he were rusty, he didn't exactly show it. With Frankie Dettori aboard, he won by a length.

"Probably around October, the picture started to become clear," Osborne said.

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"I was starting to think this could actually happen, there is a chance he was as good as ever, as he has the appetite to do it. So from that time in October, I started thinking that the Pegasus might work. Lingfield was a stepping stone to get there. We didn't necessarily need to see a performance at Lingfield that was up there in the mid-120s (his Timeform rating) to make a decision to whether we would come to Florida. What we needed to see at Lingfield was that the desire was still there, that he came back sound and that he ran at Lingfield the way his works suggested he would, and that's what happened."

Osborne said the Pegasus became the goal because of where it falls on the calendar. Had Toast of New York progressed more rapidly he said he would have run in the Breeders' Cup Classic. Had he needed more time, he might have been pointed for Dubai.

Toast of New York arrived at Gulfstream yesterday and Osborne believes American observers will see a horse that could be better than the one they saw in 2014 at the Breeders' Cup. A 7-year-old may not necessarily be better than a 3-year-old, but what if it happens to be a 7-year-old who hasn't experienced any wear and tear for over three years?

"I think there's a chance," Osborne said when asked if the horse is better now than he was years ago. "I think horses do deteriorate by the age of seven. But is that naturally or is it external influences that deteriorate them? Is it their lack of desire, or is it physical wear and tear that means they're not as good at seven as they were at three? I don't know the answer to that. Obviously, this horse has had no hardships for an awful long time, so he could be more of the finished article than the last time he was here. He could be more mature. If there's been a natural progression with natural maturity and no wear and tear that might have hindered him, that should make him a little bit better. I think he's more than capable of doing better than he did as a 3 year-old."



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Toast of New York cont.

So far as major U.S. races go, what Toast of New York is trying to pull off is reminiscent of what Michael Dickinson did with Da Hoss. He won the 1996 GI Breeders' Cup Mile and then disappeared for nearly two years. Dickinson brought him back, gave him a prep in an allowance race at Colonial Downs and wheeled him back to win the 1998 Mile.

But Toast of New York has been away even longer and will be facing much tougher competition than anything Da Hoss met in the Breeders' Cup. The Pegasus is led by likely 2017 Horse of the Year Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), razor sharp miler Sharp Azteca (Freud), likely 3-year-old male champion West Coast (Flatter) and standout mare Stellar Wind (Curlin).

"I don't know much about the American horses," Osborne admitted. "Obviously, Gun Runner has been an outstanding horse over the last 12 months and we've all seen what he's done. I am full of respect for him. I don't know whether we're good enough to beat him. I don't know if we'd ever be good enough to beat him. I do know this is a horse race and I've been around long enough to know that in horse races, things can happen and sometimes horses may or may not run to their best. When they're offering \$16 million, we are happy to take a chance and see whether or not we're good enough." (**To p1**)

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All Triple Crown nominations made by traditional mail must be postmarked by the Jan. 20 closing date. Nominations may also be made online at

www.thetriplecrown.com. Online, telephone and fax nominations must be completed prior to the deadline at 11:59 p.m. ET Jan. 20.

Any 3-year-old not nominated at either of the first two stages may be supplemented to the Triple Crown races. The supplemental fee makes a horse eligible for the remainder of the series. A supplemental entry to the Kentucky Derby requires a payment of \$200,000, while the Preakness supplemental fee is \$150,000. A \$50,000 payment is due at the time of entry for the Belmont S.

Churchill Downs adjusted its entry process in 2014 to permit horses that are made supplemental nominations prior to the Kentucky Derby to be treated the same as original nominees. If one or more supplemental nominees possess sufficient "Road to the Kentucky Derby" points to qualify for the Derby field, they will be allowed to start over original nominees that possess lesser qualifications. Under its previous policy, Churchill Downs gave preference in all cases to early and late Triple Crown nominees.

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QUALITY ROAD COLT TOPS STRONG BARRETT'S MIXED SALE *by Brian DiDonato*



Consignor Adrian Gonzalez | Barretts Sales

Barretts' one-day January Mixed Sale held Wednesday at Fairplex in Pomona, CA saw particularly strong demand for 2-year-olds, with each of the sale's top four lots fitting that description.

A total of 112 head changed hands for gross receipts of \$1,226,400. The average was \$10,950 (up 37.5% from \$7,966) and median was \$5,750 (+55.4%). The RNA rate was 30.4% compared to 22.4% 12 months ago.

Topping the sale was a \$120,000 colt by the red-hot Quality Road consigned by Adrian Gonzalez's Checkmate Thoroughbreds LLC as [hip 164](#). He was scooped up by O. J. Jauregui, agent for Highland Yard.

Checkmate sold three of the day's top four offerings. All were purchased at Keeneland September as part of a pinhooking partnership.

Hip 164, just an \$18,000 KEESEP acquisition, hails from the female family of champion and top sire Speightstown (Gone West) and his star-crossed half-brother Irap (Tiznow), a standout sophomore of 2017.

"The sire was a major draw—we were looking for that type of pedigree," Gonzalez said when asked what the appeal of hip 164 was back in September. "Sometimes they'll slip through the cracks for whatever reason and we were just kind of sitting there waiting. We had purchased probably 15 altogether. We had taken some from that same September sale right into Barretts October, and kept some for this January sale and we also have some for the 2-year-old sales. It's kind of just a matter of finding some soft spots in the sale and seeing if we can find a better spot to put them."

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When asked to describe the colt physically, Gonzalez said, "Physically, he was very, very mature; a masculine, strong colt. He was a carbon copy of his sire—just big, strong—maybe a little coarse, but that's kind of how those Quality Roads come."

Checkmate consigns horses at almost all Barretts sales, and Gonzalez says it's just a matter of finding the right horse for the right auction.

"We just buy them, get them home and kind of evaluate them as far as when they're going to look the best," he said. "Some of them just seemed like they needed more time, and some were ready now. I have a good, steady base of buyers out here who I feel like we can sell a good horse to at any time. It doesn't necessarily need to be at a 2-year-old in training sale. If we have a good one ready to present to these buyers, they'll pay us for them."

Barretts General Manager Kim Lloyd was encouraged by the overall results of the sale.

"We're very pleased," Lloyd said. "Broodmares are a hard sell, but horses who are racing or horses with promise who can go to the track or are close to filling a stall for these trainers are very valuable and there are a lot of buyers for them."

He continued, "There's a big demand. The \$120,000 they gave for that big, good-looking colt was a good price. There were a lot of bidders and a lot of people interested in him. For those type of horses that you can take to the barn or feel like you're going to get to the races with at Del Mar this summer, there's a lot of people to buy those horses."

Barretts had previously announced that it would donate 10% of its proceeds from the sale to the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation to go towards relief for the San Luis Rey Downs fire, and it auctioned off stallion shares and other items to raise money for the same cause.

For complete results of the sale and more information, visit www.barretts.com.

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Frost Wise (Frost Giant) gets her nose down first to capture the Bay Ridge S. Thursday at Aqueduct

COUNTRY LIFE FARM TO HOST STALLION SHOW JAN. 20



Country Life Farm | Christie DeBernardis

Country Life Farm in Fallston, Maryland will host a stallion show from 11:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m Saturday, Jan. 20. The farm's entire roster, headed by new arrival and 2015 GI Preakness S. third finisher Divining Rod (Tapit), will be available for inspection. Additionally, bloodstock specialist Elizabeth Blythe, who planned the mating that produced two-time Horse of the Year and Country Life-foaled Cigar, will be on hand to discuss how Country Life sire lines match up with individual broodmares.

Divining Rod has been well supported by his partners, Roy and Gretchen Jackson—who bred and campaigned the dark bay on the racetrack—and Gainesway Farm, which made a 10-mare commitment to the stallion over the next four years. Among other notable breeders sending mares to Divining Rod are Ken and Sarah Ramsey of Ramsey Farm. Divining Rod's dam, Precious Kitten (Catienus), is a half-sister to the Ramseys' leading sire Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire}).

Breeders in attendance at the stallion show who sign contracts to any of the five stallions—Divining Rod, Mosler (War Front), Super Ninety Nine (Pulpit), Freedom Child (Malibu Moon) and Friesan Fire (A.P. Indy)—will receive a discount.

RSVPs can be made by emailing sallyellen@countrylifefarm.com.

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Thursday Cancellations
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KEENELAND RELEASES 2018 SPRING STAKES SCHEDULE



Horses round the turn at Keeneland Spring | Coady Photography

Keeneland's 2018 Spring Meet will offer 16 stakes worth a season record \$4.4 million in purse money, the track announced Thursday.

Headlining the meet, to be held Apr. 6-27, are the \$1 million GII Toyota Blue Grass S. and \$500,000 GI Central Bank Ashland S. Fifteen of the spring's 16 stakes are graded events, with half contested on the turf.

The Appalachian S., a 1-mile turf race for 3-year-old fillies, was upgraded to Grade II status for 2018 by the American Graded Stakes Committee of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. Keeneland accordingly increased the purse of the Appalachian by \$75,000 to \$200,000 and moved the race to the first Sunday of the meet.

"Keeneland takes great pride in the strength and diversity of its racing program, and we continually elevate the opportunities to attract North America's top horsemen," Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said. "We know the Keeneland Spring Meet is a special event on everyone's calendar. For that reason, we strive to offer the best racing experience possible for horsemen and fans alike."

To view the entire stakes schedule for the meet, [click here](#).

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DARBY DAN PROMOTES HOULIHAN TO DIRECTOR OF SALES

Darby Dan Farm has named Hunter Houlihan as its new Director of Sales following a Keeneland January sale that included the Day 1 session-topper from the farm's consignment.

"Hunter has quickly learned and adopted our systems--and more importantly our culture--since coming to our team last year," said John Phillips, owner of Darby Dan. "We are confident that with his extensive experience in bloodstock appraisal and

sales, Hunter will lead Darby Dan Sales with the same integrity and astute judgment that has kept Darby Dan flourishing for three quarters of a century."

Houlihan had been Director of Client Development at Darby Dan prior to KEEJAN. Darby Dan Sales was represented by the 4-year-old filly Bellavais, who topped the first session when going for \$485,000 as a racing or broodmare prospect under the consignor's first-time leadership

Hunter Houlihan | Darby Dan

of Houlihan.

"This is an exciting time at Darby Dan Farm and I couldn't be happier about this new era for Darby Dan Sales," said Houlihan. "Our stallions are on a roll, Mr. Phillips's horses are running extremely well, and I truly believe 2018 is going to be a big year. We are anxious to get started on our 2018 sales drafts, and get out there to visit with breeders and owners to talk about their horses and how we can help them in the very best ways."

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NEW YORK

Thursday's Results:

BAY RIDGE S., \$95,000, AQU, 1-18, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:53.89, gd.

1-FROST WISE, 117, f, 4, Frost Giant--Watch Smartly, by Smart Strike.

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. (\$100,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-George & Stephanie Autry; B-Gabriel Duignan (NY); T-Michael Dilger; J-Kendrick Carmouche. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-2, \$187,738.

 Lynwood Stable Graduate

2-Riot Worthy, 115, m, 5, Patriot Act--Silkworth, by Distinctive Pro. (\$5,000 Ylg '14 OBSWIN). O/T-Charlton Baker; B-Advantage Training & Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Passaretti (NY). \$20,000.

3-Frostie Anne, 115, m, 5, Frost Giant--Lake Toccet, by Toccet. (\$18,000 Ylg '14 FTNMIX). O-Rudy R Rodriguez & Michael Imperio; B-Grant L Whitmer (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez. \$10,000.

Margins: NO, 2 3/4, 14HF. Odds: 1.40, 2.65, 2.85.

Also Ran: Frosty Margarita. Scratched: Might Be.

Frost Wise graduated on her sixth attempt against state-bred at Saratoga Aug. 27 and finished fifth in her first try against winners at Belmont Oct. 19. She ran third to next-out winner Land Mine (Mineshaft) here Nov. 8. before dominating a local state-bred allowance field by 16 1/4 lengths in gate-to-wire fashion Nov. 30.

Traveling two turns for the first time in this rescheduled fixture, Frost Wise stalked early pacesetter Frostie Anne in the two path into the clubhouse turn. She continued to sit second up the backstretch before ranging alongside the leader midway on the second turn as Riot Worthy made it three across the track at the quarter pole. The chestnut grabbed command between horses just outside the final furlong before losing it to Riot Worthy at the sixteenth pole. Frost Wise battled back gamely on the rail in the final strides to get the bob in the shadow of the wire.

"It got a little tight, but that's race riding," said winning rider Kendrick Carmouche. "That's what the games are for. Mike told me to break good because we were breaking from the inside. We hustled a little and Junior [Alvarado] wanted it more than me, so I let him go and sit on the lead. Mike said she doesn't close too much, but she did today because they bumped her a little at the quarter pole and squeezed her and she wanted to fight more. I just put my head down and rode her to the wire and we got the head bob today."

This is the first stakes winner out of Watch Smartly, who was purchased at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Fall Mixed sale with the victress in utero. She is also responsible for a yearling colt by Justin Phillip and visited Brody's Cause last season. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

7th-AQU, \$57,000, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-18, 3yo, 6f, 1:14.11, gd.

NINE ROUTE (c, 3, The Factor--Flash Act, by Sky Mesa) debuted finishing sixth on the Belmont turf July 2 for Bill Mott before switching to this barn. He came off a six-month layoff last time out to graduate by 6 1/2 lengths here Dec. 8. The 3-1 second choice sprinted out to the early advantage from his rail draw in this spot and guided the field through a :22.52 opening quarter. The bay felt the pressure on his outside from Flash Drive (Flashy

Bull) at the quarter pole before kicking it into another gear in the stretch to score by 1 1/4 lengths. My Man Mo (Uncle Mo) rallied for second at 31-1 while Flash Drive faded to fourth. Nine Route was a \$190,000 weanling purchased at Fasig-Tipton November before reselling for \$290,000 as a yearling to his current connections at the Saratoga New York bred sale. Flash Act, whose dam is MGISW Missy's Mirage (Stop the Music), has a juvenile filly by Central Banker, a yearling full brother to Nine Route and was bred to Laoban last year. Lifetime Record: Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$67,448. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-August Dawn Farm; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.



4th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 1-18, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:41.40, gd.
SPLIT TIME (f, 3, Take Charge Indy--Speed Dating, by Not For Love) finished a good second after breaking last and chasing wide in a sprint debut here Dec. 6 and was backed to 6-5 favoritism to go one better stretching out in this spot. Off a beat slowly, the bay traveled in fourth while tugging some through a :23.94 quarter. Sweeping to the lead four wide passing a :48.17 half, the chalk kicked clear into the stretch and widened away to a 6 3/4-length triumph. Starlite Mission (Mission Impazible) was second-best. The winner's dam, a half to 2013 Empire Classic H. hero Saratoga Snacks (Tale of the Cat), is responsible for a juvenile colt by Alpha and foaled a Freud filly named Afreud of a Storm last season before returning to the latter sire. Sales History: \$62,000 Ylg '16 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$44,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Tic Stables; B-Sequel Stallions New York LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice.

Sequel New York graduate

6th-AQU, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 1-18, 3yo, 1m, 1:40.97, gd.
GIO D'ORO (g, 3, Gio Ponti--La Java, by Medaglia d'Oro) hit the board in each of his first three starts with the first two coming against stakes winners Sea Foam (Medaglia d'Oro) and Empire Line (Morning Line). His latest was a narrow runner-up effort by a head here Dec. 22. Backed to 4-5 to go one better this time, he tracked the early leaders while traveling six wide on the backside through a first quarter of :23.23. Three wide around the far turn, the gelding put his head in front turning for home, dug in gamely inside the eighth pole, and held off Mr. President (Mission Impazible) in the final stages to graduate by a head.

This is the first foal out of La Java, who is a half to MGISP Cribnote (Read the Footnotes). She also has a juvenile filly named Java Flats (Flat Out), a yearling filly named A d'Oro (Alpha) and visited Constitution last year. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$60,500. O/B-Red Diamond Stable LLC (NY); T-Brad H. Cox.

Handle Jumps at Aqueduct Fall Meet:

The 2017 Aqueduct Fall Meet generated all-sources handle on NYRA races of \$250,376,535, an increase of 7.6% over the 2016 Aqueduct Fall Meet, NYRA announced Thursday. Average daily handle from the 36 days of live racing was \$6,954,904; a 1.6% increase over 2016's meet, which had 34 race days. Spanning Nov. 3-Dec. 31, the meet was the first contested at the Big A since the construction of a new, outer turf course and renovation of the main track oval to accommodate year-round racing.

The signature GI Cigar Mile Day card, run a week later than in years past, generated all-sources handle of \$13,545,188, an 11.8% percent increase over 2016's Cigar Mile Day total.

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FLORIDA

Thursday's Results:

8th-GP, \$43,000, Msw, 1-18, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.75, ft.
DRIVEN TO COMPETE (g, 4, Overdriven--Miss Foreesta, by Grand Slam) tallied a pair of third-place performances to start his career at Saratoga behind last year's GI Kentucky Derby victor Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) in Aug. 2016 and Apr. 8. at Parx. Making his first start as a gelding here, the heavy 7-10 favorite broke sharply and stalked the early leaders in third exiting the chute through a moderate :24.32 first quarter. Still in hand, the bay took command while three wide at the half-mile pole and never looked back, opening up the margin with each stride to an impressive 13 3/4-length graduation. Golden Bullet (Medaglia d'Oro) rallied to complete the exacta at 13-1. This is the third winner out of Miss Foreesta, who also has a yearling filly by Talent Search. Sales history: \$130,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$41,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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Baffert Surpasses \$6M in Earnings at Oaklawn:

Courtesy of 'TDN Rising Star' Mourinho (Super Saver)'s powerful victory in Monday's \$150,000 Smarty Jones S., trainer Bob Baffert surpassed the \$6-million mark in career earnings at Oaklawn Park (\$6,021,609), needing just 50 starters to achieve the milestone.

Baffert posted his first victory in Hot Springs in 1994 when Miss Gibson County (Winright) won the Prima Donna S. and has



Bob Baffert | Keeneland photo

become the dominant force in the track's lead-up races to the Triple Crown. Beginning with 'Rising Star' Conveyance (Indian Charlie) in the 2010 GIII Southwest S., Baffert has won no fewer than 13

races of the track's Kentucky Derby preps: the Southwest four times, the GII Rebel S. a record six times and the GI Arkansas Derby twice, highlighted by future Triple Crown winner American Pharaoh (Pioneerof the Nile) in 2015.

The conditioner's record at Oaklawn Park now stands at 24-9-5 for a win rate of 48% and an in-the-money percentage of 76%. His lone non-stakes success came when Broken Tango (Broken Vow) broke his maiden in 2010.

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Holiday Handle Establishes Oaklawn Record:

Monday's Martin Luther King Day program at Oaklawn Park, realized all-sources handle of a record \$3,700,042, a 13.6% increase over the corresponding day from 2017, according to figures from the track. The turnover, boosted by strong off-track business, broke the previous record of \$3,434,918 set in 2015. Off-track handle Monday was a record \$3,167,763, breaking the previous mark of \$2,698,382 set last year, when all-sources handle totaled \$3,257,973.

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INDUSTRY INFO

Little Red Feather Adds Feld as Consultant:

Little Red Feather Racing has engaged Sean Feld as a consultant, the racing club announced Thursday. Based in Lexington, KY, Sean becomes LRF's midwest and east coast representative.

"With over 75 horses under management, many on the east coast, and over 450 partners, we need someone with Sean's background to be boots on the ground in New York, Kentucky and Florida," said LRF Managing Partner Gary Fenton. "Sean is extremely knowledgeable and well respected within the industry and is an exciting addition to our expanding program."

"LRF is a household name in California and I'm honored to be entrusted to help carry that tradition across the country," added Feld. "Partnerships are about customer service and no one understands that better than LRF. This is an exciting opportunity and I look forward to working with the team."

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STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

ANCHOR DOWN (Tapit), Gainesway

- First foal born Jan. 16, 2018, a gray colt born at Phoenix Farm near Georgetown, KY
- Bred by Chad Frederick and Phoenix Farm and Racing and produced by Black Coronas (Curlin), a daughter of GSP Tres Coronas (Chief's Crown)
- "The foal is an impressive colt with good size and a lot of bone and substance," said Gainesway director of sales Michael Heron. "Anchor Down was a top miler on the New York circuit, so I would expect his foals to be fast like he was."
- Anchor Down is a half-brother to GI Test S. winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Sweet Lulu (Mr. Greeley)

LAOBAN (Uncle Mo), Sequel New York

- First foal born Jan. 17, 2018, a bay colt from the winning Freud mare Looksgoodfromhere at Saratoga Glen Farm
- "Laoban is an outstanding physical, son of a freaky sire, speed to burn and a great ownership group," said Matt Lyons, Vice President and General Manager of Woodford Thoroughbreds. "We are very excited for this first crop!"

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IN QATAR:

Kynoch, c, 3, **Kitten's Joy**--Laca, by Cherokee Run. Al Rayyan, 1-18, Maiden, 1200mT, 1:12.34. B-Scott K & Kathern E Ramsey & Rebecca R Papadinis (KY). *Full to Chief Kitten, SW, \$147,304. **\$65,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$310,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR. [VIDEO](#)



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Kimbear, c, 4, **Temple City**. See "Worldwide".

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Saturday, January 20, 2018

6th-NKY, ¥9,550,000 (\$86k), Maiden, 3yo, 2000mT

HOLIDAY MODE (c, 3, **Point of Entry**--Ski Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday) gave an excellent account of himself in two tries over 1800m as a juvenile, finishing second to recent GSP Jetzt (Jpn) (Company {Jpn}) on his Dec. 16 debut ([video](#), gate 4) before filling the same spot 12 days later ([video](#), gate 15). Shimokobe Farm acquired the April foal's stakes-winning and Grade III-placed dam with the colt in utero for \$130K at KEENOV in 2014. The colt's third dam, GISW Creaking Board (GB) (Night Shift), produced the talented turf horse Crowd Pleaser (A.P. Indy).

B-Shimokobe Farm (KY)

Sunday, January 21, 2018

2nd-CKO, ¥9,550,000 (\$86k), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m

JASPER WIN (c, 3, **Jimmy Creed**--Chick Flick, by Tapit) had the misfortune of running into the record-setting Mr Melody (Scat Daddy) and subsequent two-time US-bred winner Ryono Tesoro (Justin Phillip) in his Nov. 4 bow going 1300 meters over the dirt at Tokyo ([video](#), gate 13), but ran with credit in fourth, albeit a distant one. The \$70K KEESEP yearling acquisition, a half to SP Flowmotion (Warrior's Reward), hails from the female family of GISW Behaving Badly (Pioneering). B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY)

2nd-KYO, ¥9,550,000 (\$86k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

BEST MY WAY (c, 3, **Point of Entry**--Hug It Out, by Medaglia d'Oro), a midfield sixth on debut Oct. 14, improved to third two weeks later ([video](#), gate 3) and went even closer when last seen less than two weeks ago. The March foal is out of a stakes-placed half-sister to GSW Macho Macho (Macho Uno) while his third dam was responsible for Grade I-winning miler Designed For Luck (Rahy). Best My Way, a \$15K KEENOV weanling, was a \$39K RNA at FTKJUL in 2016, but matured in a major way into a \$675K OBSMAR breezer. Hug It Out was sold for \$19K carrying a full-brother to Best My Way at KEENOV in 2015. B-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (KY) --Alan Carasso

Stakes Runners: Golden Barows (Tapit)

G2 Tokai TV Hai Tokai S. (\$944k), Chukyo, 1-21, 1800m

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5-DED, Msw 5f, VICTORY BIND, 3-1

\$10,000 ESL YRL yrl

Emcee (Unbridled's Song), Haras Santa Maria de Araras, \$7,500

44 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

3-AQU, Aoc 6f, MY ROXY GIRL, 5-1

\$1,700 OBS AUG yrl

Graydar (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made Stallions, \$15,000

192 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners

6-SA, Msw 1m, PADDOCK PICK, 6-1

\$185,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$120,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$290,000

OBS APR 2yo

Jimmy Creed (Distorted Humor), Spendthrift Farm, \$12,500
 183 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
 6-SA, Msw 1m, BLAME THE RIDER, 10-1
 \$15,000 KEE JAN yrl; \$320,000 OBS MAR 2yo
 8-DED, Alw 6 1/2f, CAJUN CREED, 9-5
 \$9,500 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 6-AQU, Msw 6 1/2f, QUEEN APOLLO, 4-1
 \$9,500 RNA FTN MIX wnl; \$8,000 OBS WIN yrl; \$30,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Morning Line (Tiznow), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
 133 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners
 6-AQU, Msw 6 1/2f, IRIDESCENT MORN, 8-1
 \$45,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 OBS AUG yrl; \$50,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Orb (Malibu Moon), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000
 195 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-GP, Msw 5fT, OROSCOPO, 5-2
 \$75,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$325,000 OBS APR 2yo

Our Entourage (Street Cry {Ire}), O'Sullivan Farms LLC, \$2,000
 20 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-CT, Msw 6 1/2f, MY COUSIN VICKY, 15-1

Overanalyze (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 191 foals of racing age/28 winners/4 black-type winners
 5-DED, Msw 5f, HOLY FLASH, 6-1
 \$15,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 OBS AUG yrl; \$14,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Passion for Gold (Medaglia d'Oro), dead/retired/exported USA, \$5,000
 20 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-GP, Msw 7 1/2fT, TROPICALITY, 3-1
 \$17,000 OBS APR 2yo

Paynter (Awesome Again), WinStar Farm, \$25,000
 217 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
 6-SA, Msw 1m, PAINT ME LUCKY, 10-1
 \$21,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$250,000 OBS APR 2yo

Point of Entry (Dynaformer), Adena Springs, \$25,000
 147 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-GP, Msw 7 1/2fT, EXPECT AN ENTRY, 7-2

Power Broker (Pulpit), SAU, \$10,000
 136 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-DED, Alw 6 1/2f, WILDCAT HARRISON, 8-1
 \$10,000 RNA ESL YRL yrl

David Cassidy Memorial Bench at the National Museum of Racing

David Cassidy gave so much to his fans over his 49 year career. His singing and acting career was a passion. David had another passion in his life. His love of horses lead him to become a breeder and he raced his horses quite often at the Saratoga Racetrack. He also worked hard to ensure the protection of retired race horses and donated money and was involved in fundraising to protect them.

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs will be the site of the bench to honor his memory and paid for by his fans. The cost of the bench is \$2,500. Please donate if you can. Any amount will help. Your donation is tax deductible and every donor will be invited to the Museum Courtyard dedication. David's Bench will be in the Courtyard. The event is scheduled for the end of April.

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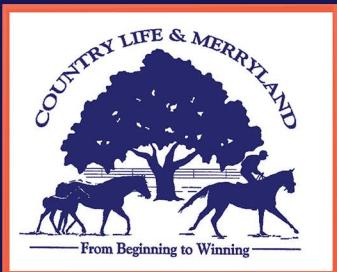
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 3-SA, Aoc 6 1/2f, SPICED PERFECTION, 6-1
 \$6,500 BAR OCT yrl; \$50,000 BAR MAR 2yo

Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy), Kor, \$20,000
 201 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-GP, Msw 7 1/2ft, ASSUME CONTROL, 20-1

Wolfcamp (El Prado {Ire}), Swifty Farms, \$3,000
 12 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-DED, Msw 5f, CHASING JETT, 20-1

BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-CT, \$24,500, (S), 1-17, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.23, ft.

REMY'S ROCKET (f, 4, Fiber Sonde--Remy Doodles, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-2, \$58,832. O-Grams Racing Stable LLC; B-Timothy C. & Judith A. Grams (WV); T-Timothy C. Grams.

8th-CT, \$24,500, (S), 1-17, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:26.20, ft.

CHARITABLE HERO (g, 4, Charitable Man--Hero's Siren, by Sea Hero) Lifetime Record: 15-3-4-4, \$74,703. O-Taylor Mountain Farm LLC; B/T-James Casey (WV).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Congruity, c, 3, **Graydar**--Eagle Hall (GSP, \$320,554), by Speightstown. GP, 1-18, (C), 1mT, 1:37.55. B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY). *\$210,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

Roaming Union, c, 3, **Union Rags**--Double Gelato, by Bernardini. AQU, 1-18, 1 1/8m, 1:52.50. B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & W. S. Farish (KY). *\$12,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.



LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



Big Thicket, c, 3, **Union Rags**--Tanglewood Tale, by Tale of the Cat. AQU, 1-18, (S), (C), 1m, 1:40.62. B-Avanti Stable (NY). *\$70,000 Ylg '16 SARAUG.

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NORMANDY FARMS OPEN FOR BUSINESS



Haras de Bonneval newcomer Zarak | Aga Khan Studs

By Emma Berry

They say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and much of the success of last weekend's Irish Stallion Trail can be attributed to its French forerunner La Route des Étalons, which took place for the first time in 2010.

Much has changed on the French stallion scene in the intervening years and when the studs of Normandy open their doors to breeders and the general public on Saturday morning they will have plenty to boast about.

Since Sea-Bird II (Fr) in 1965, no French-bred horse had won the Derby until last year when Wings Of Eagles (Fr) (Pour Moi {Ire}) sprang a 40-1 upset at Epsom. Injury curtailed his season after the Irish Derby and he has returned to take up stallion duties at his birthplace Haras de Montaigu, where he will doubtless draw many visitors this weekend.

Wings Of Eagles is just one of more than 20 new stallions standing in France this season, with Al Shaqab's Haras de Bouquetot having had to extend its stallion yard to accommodate new arrivals Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead), last season's dual Classic winner Brametot (Fr) (Rajsaman {Fr}), Ectot (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) and Zelzal (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), while Toronado (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), who has his first runners this season, has also relocated from the National Stud in England to Bouquetot. [Cont. p2](#)

INGLIS EASTER CATALOGUE RELEASED

Snitzel (Aus) and I Am Invincible (Aus), the two leading sires by average with three or more sold at last week's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, will be the two most represented sires at the Inglis Easter Yearling Sale on Apr. 9 to 11, the catalogue for which was released on Friday. A total of 534 yearlings will be offered at Easter, which will be the first renewal of the company's flagship sale to be held at Inglis's new Riverside sales complex. Reigning champion sire and current leading general sire Snitzel has 64 slated to sell, while I Am Invincible, who is currently third on the sire table and who had three millionaires at Magic Millions, has 41. Another champion sire, Fastnet Rock (Aus), has 39 catalogued, while Sebring (Aus) has 34 and Snitzel's sire, Redoute's Choice (Aus), rounds out the top five with 23. Group 1-winning mares with progeny catalogued include Alinghi (Aus), Peggy Jean (Aus), Secret Admirer (Aus), Red Tracer (Aus), Bonaria (Aus) and Steps In Time (Aus).

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

CONNECT, UNIFIED ON PARADE AT LANE'S END EVENT

Lane's End introduced two of its new stallions, **Connect** (Curlin) and **Unified** (Candy Ride {Arg}), to a press-only function on Wednesday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)



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The German ranks have been depleted by the defection of Reliable Man (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) to Haras de Thenney and Pastorius (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) to Haras de la Hetraie, while the Aga Khan's Haras de Bonneval has welcomed a special homebred in Zarkava's Group 1-winning son Zarak (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), who will stand alongside one of the country's leading stallions, Siyouni (Fr).

Haras de Montfort & Preaux is home to another popular French stallion, Le Havre (Ire) (Noverre), and has recently welcomed The Queen's homebred Recorder (GB), who is one of three sons of Galileo (Ire) to be retiring to stud in France this season along with The Anvil (Ire), who will stand at Haras de Grand Chesnaie, and Magenticjim (Ire). The latter joins Haras de la Haie Nueve, which will also stand the first son of War Front in France, the Claiborne Farm-bred Whitecliffsodover.



Recorder, a son of Galileo | Haras de Montfort & Preaux

Another enticing new addition to the stallion ranks of France is the treble Group 1 winner of 2016, Almanzor (Fr), who will stand alongside his sire Wootton Bassett (GB) at Haras d'Etreham.

Start times vary from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and while most of the 24 participating farms are open throughout Saturday and Sunday, it's worth noting that Haras de Bonneval and Haras des Trois Chapelles are only open on Saturday, while the newlywed Julian Ince will open the doors of Haras du Logis, which has new boy Ultra (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}) this season, on Sunday only from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A full list of opening hours, and the 105 stallions who will be available for viewing, can be found at www.laroutedesetalons.com.

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WIND SURGERY DECLARATIONS START FRIDAY

The first wind surgery declarations will appear in British racecards on Friday following a decision by the British Horseracing Authority in November that horses having undergone wind operations since their last start be declared. Four horses entered on Friday have been flagged as having recently undergone wind surgery, routine surgical procedures designed to assist a horse with its breathing.

David Sykes, director of equine health and welfare for the BHA, said, "We have written to trainers to remind them of their responsibility to declare horses who have undergone wind surgery since their last run, and are pleased to see that a number of declarations have already been made since we made our announcement in November. We have been very clear from the start that any assumptions of the effect of wind operations on performance must be made entirely by the betting public. In many cases a wind operation will not bring about any improvement in a horse's form. However, it is clear that, on occasions, it certainly does, and it is for this reason that we felt it was important that this information should be in the public domain. This is about openness, transparency and access to data for the betting customer. The Horseracing Bettors Forum told us that their research said that this is the piece of data that is the most requested by the betting public."

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ARQANA FEBRUARY CATALOGUE RELEASED

The Arqana Mixed February Sale, scheduled for Feb. 13-14, catalogue is now available. A total of 416 horses, divided between 186 mares, 67 broodmare prospects, 47 horses-in-training, 39 2-year-olds, 74 yearlings, one stallion prospect and two stallion shares will be offered with sessions beginning at 11 a.m. local time both days. The horses-in-training portion of the sale will begin the Valentine's Day session. Mares are offered in foal to stallions like Dabirsim (Fr), Doctor Dino (Fr), Intello (Ger), Kendargent (Fr), Le Havre (Ire), and Wootton Bassett (GB), as well as Olympic Glory (Ire), Ruler of the World (Ire), Harzand (Ire), Kingston Hill (GB), Shalaa (Ire) and Sidestep (Aus).

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CONDITIONS RESULT:

5th-CHD, £8,000, 1-18, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:13.17,

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VOLATILE (GB) (g, 4, Poet's Voice {GB})--Neshla {GB}, by Singspiel {Ire} Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 10-2-0-1, £15,233. O-Melbourne 10 Racing; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Jamie Osborne. *45,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT; 32,000gns HRA '17 TATAUT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Kodi Beach (GB), g, 3, Kodiac (GB)--Annie Beach (Ire), by Redback (GB). SOU, 1-18, 4f 214y (AWT), :58.27. B-Mrs S. C. Barron (GB). *£62,000 RNA Ylg '16 GOUKPR.

FRANCE



Thursday's Result:

6th-PAF, €18,000, Mdn, 1-18, 3yo, f, 1950m (AWT), 2:05.30, ft.

SANTILLANA (GB) (f, 3, Intello {Ger})--Gertrude Versed {GB} {MSP-Eng}, by Manduro {Ger} was settled behind the leaders throughout the early stages. Delivered to lead with 300 metres remaining, the 12-1 shot stayed on to score by a length from Mybluebell (Fr) (Slickly {Fr}). The winner is so far the only foal out of the useful Gertrude Versed who was second in the Listed Cheshire Oaks and who is a half-sister to Gertrude Bell (GB) (Sinndar {Ire}) who won that race and, more significantly, the G2 Lancashire Oaks. She hails from the family of the Rothschild's Rambling Rose (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), who was runner-up in both events before producing the MG1SW sire Notnowcato (GB) (Inchinor {GB}). Sales history: 30,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TATOCT; £14,000 2yo '17 GOFAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €9,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mme Georgiana Cabrero; B-Hall of Fame Stud Ltd (GB); T-Simone Brogi.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Mr Gualano (Ire), c, 3, Worthadd (Ire)--Poukkovo (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. PAF, 1-18, 1950m (AWT), 2:04.40. B-M. Duffy (IRE). *€13,000 Ylg '16 TIRSEP



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Singing (Fr), h, 8, Singspiel (Ire)--Ring Beaune, by Bering (GB). Gosford, 1-18, Gosford Quarries Gold Cup-Listed, 2100mT, 2:08.54. B-Wertheimer et Frere. *1/2 to Special Ring (Nureyev), MGISW-US, SW & GSP-Fr, \$915,023; and CelebriSSime (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), MSW-Fr, \$337,917. **1ST STAKES WIN (99th BTW for sire). ***MGSP-Fr, GSP-Ger.

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Sunshine Mint (Ire), f, 3, Dawn Approach (Ire)--Marble Silver (Ire), by Notnowcato (GB). Kenilworth, 1-18, Maiden Plate, 1200mT, 1:12.92. O-Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Miss J B Slack); B-Love Racing Pty Ltd; T-Dennis Drier. *€80,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB. **First winner for sire (by New Approach {Ire}) in South Africa.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Inglis Easter Catalogue Released cont. from p1

International flair is added to the catalogue with representation by global sires including Deep Impact (Jpn) (three), Tapit (three) and Frankel (GB) (two).

"There is no doubt that Australasia's leading breeders are offering a mouth-watering array of sensational young horses for our buyers to select from at Easter this year," said Inglis's National Bloodstock Director Jonathan D'Arcy. "The sire strength is something to behold and the types we will see in the Riverside sale ring are simply mind-blowing. There is no doubt in my mind that trainers, syndicators and owners who are looking to purchase an elite athlete to win at the highest level in Australia or around the world must be here in Sydney in April."



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Arrowfield offered two fillies by Lord Kanaloa at Magic Millions and they made A\$800,000 and A\$280,000.

The Inglis Easter sale will this year be held Monday through Wednesday, and will be bookended by The Championships as well as the second renewal of The Chairman's Sale Racing Prospects (Apr. 5) and The Chairman's Sale Breeding Prospects (Apr. 12). The Australian Broodmare and Weanling Sale will follow for three days from Apr. 15. ([Click here to return to p1](#))

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Lady Aurelia won the 2017 King's Stand S., part of the Global Sprint Challenge | racingfotos.com

"The partners in the Global Sprint Challenge felt it would be unfair to stage a series of races in which some horses were unable to compete in certain legs, therefore we have regrettably decided to suspend the Challenge in 2018," said Leigh Jordon, Global Sprint Challenge Committee Chairman. "However, the partners remain committed to the Challenge, which operates in a sphere where intercontinental horse movement is particularly strong. Once the restrictions between Hong Kong and Australia have been lifted, we intend to re-launch with a bigger and better series in 2019. The break also gives us the chance to review the current format, bonus structure and sponsorship, and to explore some exciting new marketing initiatives."

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

DUBAWI S. SPONSORED BY BOREALIS-G3, \$175,000, MEY, 1-18, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1200m, 1:12.44, ft.

1--COMICAS, 126, g, 5, by Distorted Humor

1st Dam: Abby's Angel (SW & GSP-US, \$152,671), by Touch Gold

2nd Dam: Miss Kilroy, by A.P. Indy

3rd Dam: Miss Caerleona (Fr), by Caerleon

1ST STAKES WIN. O-Godolphin; B-Darley (KY); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. \$105,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-UAE & GSP-Eng, 14-4-4-2, \$705,468.



2--Muarrab (GB), g, 6, Oasis Dream (GB)--Licence To Thrill (GB), by Wolfhound. (280,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT) O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Stratford Place Stud (GB); T-A R Al Rayhi. \$35,000.

3--Reynaldothewizard, 126, g, 12, Speightstown--Holiday Runner, by Meadowlake. 'TDN Rising Star' (\$400,00 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$775,000 2yo '08 FTFFEB) O-Zabeel Racing International, Corp; B-Gibraltar Group Lp; T-Satish Seemar. \$17,500.

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Also Ran: My Catch (Ire), Yalta (Ire), Raven's Corner (Ire), Nawwaar (GB). [Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.](#)

Thursday's G3 Dubawi S. included two veteran victors of the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, but it was Godolphin's relative young gun Comicas who overwhelmed those and four others to earn a first black-type win. Second in the Listed Meydan Classic here two years ago at three, Comicas returned for last year's carnival after being gelded and won a six-furlong handicap in February before eventually finishing second behind Mind Your Biscuits (Posse) in a rare muddy renewal of the Shaheen. Comicas made two starts over the turf in Britain over the summer, finishing a respectable third in the G2 Clipper Logistics S. in May before struggling home 13th of 19 in Royal Ascot's G1 Diamond Jubilee S. Off for six months thereafter, Comicas made his return when second, six lengths behind the 9-year-old Muarrab (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})--winner of the 2016 Shaheen--in the Listed Garhoud Sprint on Dec. 21. It was Muarrab who dueled for the early lead with Yalta (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) on Thursday, with Comicas not far off on the outside and the other Shaheen winner, the 12-year-old Reynaldothewizard (Speightstown), being scrubbed on at the tail of the field down the backstretch.

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Comicas | DRC/Andrew Watkins

G3 Dubawi S. Cont.

Yalta, Muarrab and My Catch (Ire) (Camacho {GB}) made it a line across the track rounding the bend with Comicas three lengths in arrears and Reynaldothewizard still detached at the back. The top three continued to do battle, with Yalta the first to yield on the rail, and as they approached the furlong mark Comicas came steaming down the middle of the track. Comicas drew even with Muarrab passing the 100-metre mark as My Catch faded, and Godolphin's chestnut sprinted past to post a convincing win. Fan favourite Reynaldothewizard, meanwhile, made an eye-catching late run on the inside after looking hopelessly beaten early, getting up to grab third. There was speculation pre-race that Reynaldothewizard was making his last run, by trainer Satish Seemar suggested later he could again target the Golden Shaheen.

Winning rider William Buick said of Comicas, "He is a lovely, honest horse who handles this surface particularly well and the one thing we do know about him is he may be a bit outpaced early, but he is going to run home strongly. That basically is what he has done here because they went very hard up front, as we expected, and it has panned out perfectly for him. The horse deserves a big win like this and it is great for the whole team."

Pedigree Notes...

Comicas is out of the Listed Indian Maid H. winner and GIII Gardenia S. second Abby's Angel, herself a granddaughter of the Grade III winner and producer Miss Caerleon (Fr) (Caerleon). This is also the family of the Group 2-winning siblings Bonfire (GB) (Manduro {Ger}) and Joviality (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Abby's Angel has had little luck since producing Comicas; her 2014 Elusive Quality colt failed to win in six tries, after which she was barren to the same sire. She aborted a Speightstown foal in 2016 and produced a dead foal by Candy Ride (Arg) in 2017. She was not mated for 2018. Click for the free [Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

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1st-MEY, \$100,000, Cond, NH&SH 3yo, f, 1400m, 1:24.45, ft.
WINTER LIGHTNING (IRE) (f, 3, Shamardal–Eastern Joy {GB}, by Dubai Destination), a full to G3 UAE Oaks winner Ihtimal (Ire) (MGSW & MG1SP-Eng & GSW-UAE, \$254,857) and a half to dual French Group 1 winner and G2 UAE Derby winner Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) (MG1SW-Fr, GSW-UAE & G1SP-Eng & Ire, \$2,151,476), did just what her pedigree suggested she should when breaking her maiden at second asking at Meydan on Thursday. The strapping bay was second on debut at Newmarket on Oct. 13 behind Cheveley Park Stud's '**TDN Rising Star**' Veracious (GB) (Frankel {GB}), but was somewhat overshadowed here pre-race by Rayya (Tiz Wonderful), Doug Watson's 9 3/4-length debut winner from Dec. 7. Racing prominently in the middle of the track down the backstretch on Thursday, Winter Lightning dropped back slightly to tuck in behind the front-running Rayya and Bella Dubai (Speightstown) for the run into the turn. While it initially looked as if Rayya would kick clear at the top of the lane, Winter Lightning soon drew alongside the favourite and the pair battled head-to-head through the final furlong, with Winter Lightning putting her nose down on the wire first. It was 10 lengths back to Charlie Appleby's stakes-placed Expressiy (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) in third.

Jockey Pat Cosgrave said, "It was only her second start and luckily her head was down on the line when it mattered. I probably went to the front too soon as it transpired, given her inexperience, but she certainly seems to have plenty of class and you would like to think she can build on this."



Winter Lightning (outside) noses out Rayya | DRC/Andrew Watkins

While Eastern Joy only managed a win in minor company in France, she has outdone herself as a broodmare. In addition to the aforementioned trio, she is also the dam of the listed winner and G1 Sun Chariot S. second and G1 Falmouth S. third Always Smile (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) (SW & MG1SP-Eng, \$217,288) as well as G3 Oh So Sharp S. winner First Victory (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) (GSW-Ire). [Cont. p8](#)

1st-MEY Cont.

Eastern Joy is a daughter of Red Slippers (Nureyev), who won the Sun Chariot when it was a Group 2 and also produced the G1 Prix de Diane winner West Wind (GB) (Machiavellian) and the listed winner Redbridge (Alleged). The third dam, Morning Devotion (Affirmed), is best known as the dam of G1 Irish Derby and G1 Irish Oaks winner Balanchine (Storm Bird) but her influence is global, with Australian Group 1 winner Trust in a Gust (Aus) (Keep The Faith {Aus}) and accomplished Japanese runner Shonan Mighty (Jpn) (Manhattan Cafe {Jpn}) also on the page. Eastern Joy was barren in 2016 and last year produced a colt by Dubawi (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$62,677. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

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4TH-MEY, Hcp, \$175,000, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:01.82.

LIGHT THE LIGHTS (SAF) (g, 6, **Western Winter--First Arrival {SAF} {Ch. 3yo Filly & MGSW-Zim}**, by Northern Guest), a first-up winner at last year's carnival, was beaten just 2 1/2 lengths in last year's G1 Dubai Turf when sixth, but was a handily beaten seventh first-up last week in the Listed Singspiel S. Stepping up to 2000 metres for the first time over this course on Thursday, Light the Lights was restrained off the heels of stablemate Sanshaawes (SAF) (Ashaawes) down the backstretch while racing in the two path. Dropping back a few positions rounding the bend, Light the Lights found a clear path before him at the top of the lane and rallied down the middle of the track, shaking off Godolphin's stubborn Blair House (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) to win by a neck.



Light The Lights | DRC/Andrew Watkins

The winner is a half to Let's Rock'N Roll (Zim) (Muhtafal), Ch. 3yo Colt & G1SW-SAf; and Beat Patrol (SAf) (Muhtafal), GSP-SAf; Rock The Country (SAf) (Western Winter), MSW-Zim; In The Fast Lane (SAf) (Jet Master {SAF}), Ch. 3yo Filly & MG1SW-SAf, \$169,324; and Pack Leader (SAf) (Philanthropist), SW-SAf. Sales history: R450,000 yrl '13 SADAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW-SAf, SW & GSP-UAE, 25-5-5-2, \$313,287. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#)

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O-Sh Mohd bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Hallmark Thoroughbreds (SAF); T-Michael F de Kock.

6TH-MEY, \$135,000, Hcp, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:09.64, gd.

FAATINAH (AUS) (g, 5, Nicconi {Aus}–Alqawah {Ire}, by Danehill) gave trainer David Hayes his first win in Dubai in his eighth try when battling back gamely after being headed to take this local debut. Faatinah's best recent form had been a second in the G1 Oakleigh Plate, but he was unplaced in fourth further efforts during the Australian autumn. Making his spring debut in the Sept. 29 G1 Moir S., Faatinah was beaten just 1 1/4 lengths when sixth behind G1 Golden Slipper winner She Will Reign (Aus) (Manhattan Rain {Aus}) going 1000 metres. He was second at listed level when stepped up to this trip at Flemington when last seen on Nov. 7. Jumping on top from the barriers, Faatinah led the way down the Meydan straight. He was collared by Godolphin's very game Baccarat (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}) inside the final furlong but he found another gear when that 9-year-old drew even and stuck his neck out in front on the wire.

Hayes has three horses at Meydan to run at this year's carnival. They are being overseen by his son and training partner Ben, but Hayes was in town on Thursday and said, "Our horse probably would have been better if it was 1000 [metres] today, but you have to fit the program. He'll be really improved for the run. I feel that when you're traveling horses internationally it's important to not overwork them, so we've kept him fresh and I know there's a lot of improvement left in him. There's another one of these conditions races in about a month and then hopefully he'll get into the [G1 Al Quoz Sprint]; I think his rating is high enough to get chosen."

Hayes said he first began to experiment with running horses at the carnival a few years ago at the urging of Sheikh Hamdan.

"Sheikh Hamdan is very keen to have Australian horses competing here so we sent a horse a couple years ago just to learn a bit, he was a 3-year-old," the trainer said. "He did ok but he got poor runs in transit and wasn't the class of this horse. I think we have better horses now coming here." The winner is a half to Jalsah (Aus) (Elusive Quality), GSP-Aus, \$160,450. Lifetime Record: MGSW & G1SP-Aus, 23-5-5-2, \$525,975. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-Shadwell Stud Australasia Ltd (AUS). T-David Hayes.



David and Ben Hayes accept the trophy | DRC/Andrew Watkins

7TH-MEY, Hcp, \$135,000, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:35.50, gd.

SALSABEEL (IRE) (g, 4, Exceed and Excel {Aus})–Tokyo Rose {UAE}, by Jade Robbery broke his maiden at first asking during the summer of 2016 and, after finishing second behind this year's smart miler Beat The Bank (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}) in a Newmarket conditions race in April, he beat just one home in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Salsabeel was gelded thereafter and was making his return here. Keen in midpack down the backstretch, the Charlie Appleby representative rounded the bend in the two path and had an opening materialize as they turned into the straight. Sent through by William Buick, he hit the lead down the middle of the track at the 200 and shook off a stubborn Hornsby (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) down on the rail to win by a length. Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 5-2-2-0, \$99,188. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [VIDEO.](#)
O-Godolphin. B-Darley. T Charlie Appleby.

3RD-MEY, Hcp, \$125,000, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m, 1:37.99.

KIMBEAR (c, 4, Temple City–Sky Dreamer {GSP-US, \$176,065}, by Sky Mesa) started out on turf in the U.S. for trainer Eric Kruljac and took six tries to break his maiden, a task he accomplished last February at Santa Anita in his second dirt try, but he flashed considerable promise that day when reporting home a 4 1/2-length winner from Sonneteer (Midnight Lute), who would go on to be second in the GII Rebel S. and fourth in the GI Arkansas Derby. Kimbear, meanwhile, was pitched into the GI Santa Anita Derby and was beaten 5 1/2 lengths in sixth after stumbling at the start, but put in an improved performance next out to be second behind American Anthem (Bodemester) when dropped back to seven furlongs for the GIII Lazaro Barrera S. on May 13.

He filled the same position behind American Pastime (Tapizar) in a Santa Anita optional claimer going six furlongs on June 11, and was last seen checking in sixth, beaten 10 lengths, behind subsequent GI Travers S. winner West Coast (Flatter) in the GIII Los Alamitos Derby back up to 1 1/8 miles on July 15.

Making his first start outside the U.S. and first for trainer Doug Watson since being purchased privately by Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Kimbear tucked in behind the speed on the inside down the backstretch. He moved off the fence approaching the quarter pole and drew level with the front-running Rodaini (Exchange Rate) at the top of the lane. The dark bay drew clear when Pat Dobbs pushed the button thereafter and hit the wire a cozy five lengths in front of Layl (Street Cry {Ire}), with Rodaini sticking on for third.

"We were very hopeful coming here this evening because this horse's work has always been very good and he certainly has not disappointed," jockey Pat Dobbs said. "We broke well, but they went quick enough up front, so I was happy to take my time and, given his American background, he was happy enough in the kickback. He is a decent horse and that was a very good performance; one he can hopefully progress from." Sky Dreamer is a half-sister to last year's GI Del Mar Oaks winner Dream Dancing (Tapit), and they are granddaughters of the champion mare Beautiful Pleasure (Maudlin). Sales history: \$30,000 yrl '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP-US, 11-2-3-3, \$181,140. [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [VIDEO.](#)

O-Sh Rashid Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi. B-John C. Oxley (KY); T-Doug Watson.

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HANDICAP RESULT:

2ND-MEY, \$60,000, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:01.89, gd.

JANSZOON (GB) (g, 4, Dubawi {Ire})–Adventure, by Unbridled's Song. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-0, \$72,927. O-Sh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi; B-Andrew Rosen; T-Ali Rashid Al Rayhi. *1/2 to Laughing Lashes (Mr. Greeley), GSW & MG1SP-Ire, \$218,484.

'VOLPE' FACES TELEGRAPH CHALLENGE

Fresh off her 1 1/2-length score in the G1 Sistema Railway at Ellerslie on New Year's Day, **Volpe Veloce (Aus)** (Foxwedge {Aus}) once again garnered favouritism for Saturday's fixture, trading at \$3.90 in the early betting, for the 1200-metre G1 J R & N Berkett Telegraph on Jan. 20. A MGSW as a sophomore, the Graham Richardson trainee resumed this spring with a win at Te Rapa on Aug. 5 before two unplaced runs at Group 1 level in September. The plucky bay earned a bit of redemption with a win in a Dec. 9 Ellerslie handicap one start before the Railway.

Seven-time Group 1 scorer and New Zealand champion **Kawi (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}) will do his best to make it an octet of top-level victories for trainer Allan Sharrock. Like Volpe Veloce, the 6-1 second-choice enters on the back of a Group 1 victory, and the 7-year-old was last seen landing the spoils in the Captain Cook S. locally going 1600 metres on Dec. 9. Given some time off, he finished second in a Cambridge barrier trial going 935m and should be primed for a big effort.

The Railway second **Packing Eagle (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}) and third **Volks Lightning (NZ)** (Volksraad {GB}) both return in this NZ\$250,000 event and the former sports a win in the G3 Sweynesesse Arawa S. on Oct. 21 after spending his early career in Hong Kong, good for a placing in the 2016 G1 Champions Mile.



Volpe Veloce | Trish Dunell

Kiwi 2017 champion sprinter **Start Wondering (NZ)** (Eighth Wonder {NZ}), a dual Group 1 winner, was fourth in the Railway, but Evan Rayner, who trains with his daughter JJ, is confident the 2017 Telegraph runner-up is on the improve.

"He's as well as we can have him," Rayner told *NZ Racing News* of his charge, who found only **Signify (NZ)** (Perfectly Ready {Aus}) too good last year. "We just hope there's not too much rain in Wellington. We're as confident as we can be. There might be a lightweight that shoots us down again, but we're very happy with him."

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'LOVE' SHOOTS FOR THORNDON GLORY



Love Affair | Trish Dunell

The NZ\$200,000 1600-metre G1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile has attracted an even dozen for the Saturday Trentham feature and favouritism goes to \$3.20 morning line pick **Love Affair (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}). Running out of the Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman barn, as does MGSW **Stolen Dance (NZ)** (Alamosa {NZ}), the 4-year-old appears a progressive sort on paper. A first up winner in a 1400m Benchmark 85 at Pukekohe on Nov. 25, the dark bay made up a staggering amount of ground in a wide trip to take second by a half-length in the G2 Cal Isuzu S. when favoured at Te Rapa over a course that gave the edge to frontrunners on Dec. 16. She finished third most recently in a Cambridge barrier trial going 1200m on Jan. 9 and will carry only 117 pounds.

Second in the market is \$5.50 shot and dual Group 3 winner **Hiflyer (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}). He ended his last campaign with a second-place performance in the G2 Manco Easter S. in April, but has only thrown in one clunker in his last five runs for trainer Peter Lock. [Cont. p11](#)

'Love' Shoots for Thorndon Glory Cont.

The gelding ran to his short-priced odds when saluting in the G3 Grant Plumbing Thompson H., his first black-type victory over course and distance on Oct. 28 and he doubled up at that level in Ellerslie's G3 Eagle Technology S. over the reopposing MGSW **Splurge (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}) on Dec. 2. Trying Group 1 level for the first time on Boxing Day, Hiflyer threw in a rare head-scratcher when eighth in the G1 Zabeel Classic over 2000 metres.

Te Akau Racing's Splurge scored a Group 3 win at Ellerslie last season and has progressed during his five-start spring. In addition to placing third in a pair of Tauranga handicaps in November, he was also first past the post in the G2 Manawatu S. at Awapuni for a career high on Dec. 23 when last seen after the Eagle Technology.

Another who could have a say in the outcome is **Shadows Cast (NZ)** (Per Incanto), who is riding a three-race winning streak, among them the G2 Coupland's Bakeries Mile at Riccarton Park two back on Nov. 15.

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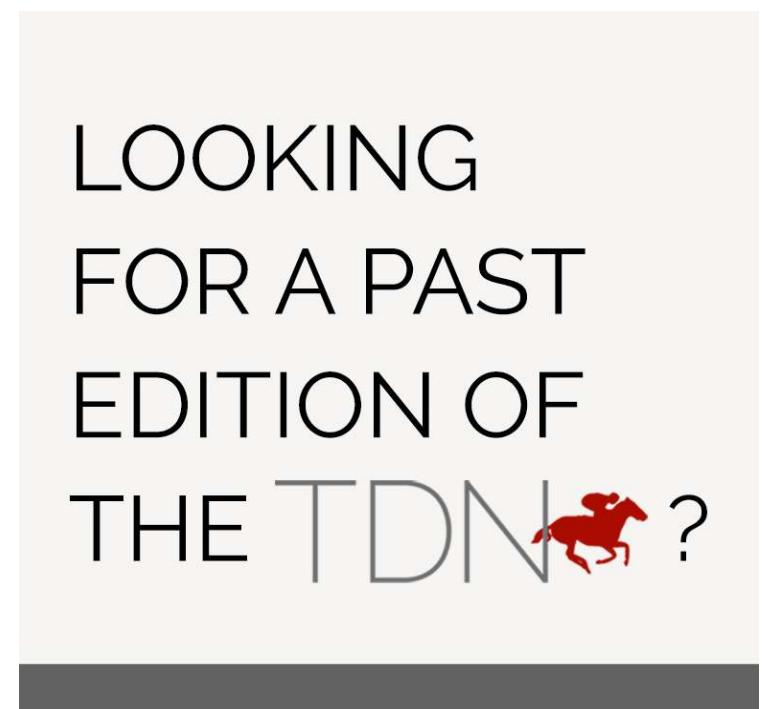
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IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Power Tower (Aus), g, 3, **Husson (Arg)**--Making Mischief (Ire), by Medaglia d'Oro. Kenilworth, 1-18, Maiden Plate, 1400mT, 1:31.47. O-Messrs G S Knowles, Wehann Smith, T Govender, F C Blomkamp, M H Maingard, M J, M L & M P Sham; B-Grand Park View Stud (Qld); T-Candice Bass-Robinson. *A\$45,000 Ylg '16 MMNAT.

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Date	Race	Track
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Feb. 17	Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 24	Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	Futurity S.	Caulfield
	Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
Mar. 3	Chipping Norton S.	Warwick Farm
	Surround S.	Warwick Farm
	Australian Guineas	Flemington
Mar. 10	Randwick Guineas	Randwick
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	Australian Cup	Flemington
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HARCOURTS THORNDON MILE-G1, NZ\$200,000 (US\$145,622/E105,267/€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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JR & N BERKETT TELEGRAPH-G1, NZ\$250,000 (US\$182,028/E131,584/€148,722), Open, 3yo/up, 1200mT

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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HONG KONG CLASSIC MILE-LR, HK\$10,000,000 (£921,525/€1,045,587/A\$1,600,544, US\$1,279,114), NH/SH4yo, 1600mT

PP	SC	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	2	Nothinglikemore (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	Size	Moreira
2	8	Exultant (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	A Cruz	Purton
3	5	Time to Celebrate (NZ)	Per Incanto	Size	Prebble
4	10	Ruthven (Aus)	Domesday (Aus)	Moore	Badel
5	4	Singapore Sling (Saf)	Philanthropist	Millard	Schofield
6	1	Rivet (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Moore	Clipperton
7	9	Dragon Lips (Ger)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	A Cruz	Chadwick
8	11	Good Standing (Aus)	Artie Schiller	Moore	Berry
9	7	Lockheed (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Shum	Williams
10	6	Morethanlucky (NZ)	Per Incanto	Lor	Teetan
11	12	Patriot Hero (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Ferraris	Rispoli
12	3	Grand Chancellor (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Moore	Boudot

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Dream Ahead <i>(2008) by Diktat (GB)</i>	9	18	2	7	1	1	154	60	\$603,450	\$3,014,607
					Stands: Haras De Grandcamp Fr Fee: €12,000						
2	Zoffany (Ire) <i>(2008) by Dansili (GB)</i>	3	13	1	6	--	2	194	83	\$137,708	\$2,787,928
					Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €25,000						
3	Canford Cliffs (Ire) <i>(2007) by Tagula (Ire)</i>	3	12	1	5	--	--	165	66	\$138,486	\$2,012,201
					Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead/Ret/Exp)						
4	Poet's Voice (GB) <i>(2007) by Dubawi (Ire)</i>	6	8	4	5	--	1	202	82	\$786,359	\$2,842,497
					Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £6,000						
5	Pour Moi (Ire) <i>(2008) by Montjeu (Ire)</i>	2	5	1	3	1	2	91	34	\$1,363,084	\$2,380,816
					Stands: Grange Stud Ire Fee: €5,000						
6	Wootton Bassett (GB) <i>(2008) by Iffraaj (GB)</i>	1	4	--	1	--	--	42	17	\$70,690	\$668,587
					Stands: Haras d'Etreham Fr Fee: €20,000						
7	Roderic O'Connor (Ire) <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire)</i>	2	3	--	1	--	--	102	33	\$54,525	\$734,155
					Stands: The National Stud Ire Fee: N/A						
8	Elusive Pimpernel <i>(2007) by Elusive Quality</i>	2	3	--	--	--	--	37	13	\$70,689	\$316,741
					Stands: Irish National Stud Ire Fee: €1,000						
9	Wiener Walzer (Ger) <i>(2006) by Dynaformer</i>	--	3	--	1	--	--	30	14	\$76,510	\$304,159
					Stands: Turkish Jockey Club Ger Fee: Private						
10	Workforce (GB) <i>(2007) by King's Best</i>	--	2	--	2	--	--	226	76	\$368,909	\$4,762,607
					Stands: Knockhouse Stud Ire Fee: €4,500						
11	Dick Turpin (Ire) <i>(2007) by Arakan</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	55	16	\$94,558	\$374,182
					Stands: The National Stud Eng Fee: N/A						
12	Lilbourne Lad (Ire) <i>(2009) by Acclamation (GB)</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	113	41	\$461,215	\$1,280,637
					Stands: Rathbarry Stud Ire Fee: N/A						
13	Frozen Power (Ire) <i>(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB)</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	79	31	\$206,507	\$891,683
					Stands: Centro Equino Arcadia Ity Fee: €4,000						
14	Appel au Maitre (Fr) <i>(2004) by Starborough (GB)</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	59	30	\$73,968	\$622,045
					Stands: Hjortebo Stud Den Fee: kr17,000						
15	Shakespearean (Ire) <i>(2007) by Shamardal</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	41	11	\$49,002	\$365,303
					Stands: Haras de la Barbottiere Fr Fee: €2,500						

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