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EXPLOSIVE SECOND SESSION AT KEENELAND SEPTEMBER



Session-topping hip 458 | Keeneland photo

by Jessica Martini, Brian DiDonato & Christie DeBernardis
LEXINGTON, KY - The second session of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale proved to be a barn burner, a day filled with rapid-fire million-dollar transactions concluding with a sparkling 20.75% buy-back rate Tuesday in Lexington. A pair of yearlings by War Front topped the session, with a colt by the Claiborne stallion bringing a final bid of \$2.4 million from Coolmore's M.V. Magnier, while Godolphin went to \$1.75 million for a daughter of the sire. In all, eight yearlings sold for seven figures taking the two-day total to 13, equal to the total number from the 2017 auction.

"It was phenomenal," Keeneland's Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said after the conclusion of a frenetic day of bidding. "It was competitive at the top, it was competitive in the middle and it was competitive in the bottom. When you have a 21% RNA rate, there was lots and lots of business getting done at every level today."

In all, 168 yearlings sold Tuesday for a total of \$65,835,000. The session average was \$391,875 and the median was \$300,000. Of the 212 horses to go through the sales ring, only 44 were led out unsold.

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MCCRAKEN RETIRED TO AIRDRIE

Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC's MGSW **McCraken** (Ghostzapper--Ivory Empress, by Seeking the Gold) has been retired from racing and will stand at Airdrie Stud in 2019, it was announced Tuesday. The '**TDN Rising Star**' retires with overall earnings of \$869,728 and a record of 6-1-3 from 14 lifetime starts.

A Janis Whitham homebred trained by Ian Wilkes, McCraken was undefeated in three starts as a juvenile, including victories in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. and Street Sense S. at Churchill Downs. He kicked off his 3-year-old campaign in 2017 with a Tampa Bay Downs track record-setting score in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. and, after missing the GII Tampa Bay Derby with a minor setback, he closed to finish third in the GII Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland and was a troubled eighth in the GI Kentucky Derby.

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Dog and pony show. Cassie keeps watch over the Old Chapel Farm consignment on Tuesday, with a little help from Andrew Motion and Hip 506. | Justina Severni

UNCLE MO COLT FOR A PARTNERSHIP

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Sitting alongside his client William Warren, bloodstock agent Mike Ryan signed the ticket on a colt by Uncle Mo–Secret (Street Cry {Ire}). The hammer price was \$1.4 million. It was a first seven-figure transaction for consignor Bridie Harrison, who consigned the colt on behalf of Peter Blum.

A NEW PIONEER FOR ALBAUGH, SPENDTHRIFT

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Albaugh Family Stable teamed up with B. Wayne Hughes's Spendthrift Farm to purchase a colt by Pioneerof the Nile. The Albaugh team had some capital to play with after selling a Tapit filly out of their outstanding producing mare Miss Macy Sue (Trippi) for \$1.4 million during Monday's opening session.

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Through two days, Keeneland has sold 306 yearlings for a total of \$114,455,000. The average stands at \$374,036 and the median is \$300,000. The cumulative buy-back rate is 28.07%.

“We were cautiously optimistic that the market was strong,” Elliston said. “I can’t sit here and tell you that we thought it would be as strong as it was today. That blew away our expectations. Everybody had high hopes, given the quality of the stock that we had seen and observing what has transpired at prior sales this summer. The entire world was coming here for this sale, they had their piggy banks broke open and they went after it today. It was quite a show.”

Consignor David Anderson, who sold a filly by Hard Spun for \$950,000, agreed Tuesday’s action was something special.

“I think it is the greatest marketplace I have ever seen in my lifetime,” Anderson said. “You bring a horse in here of any kind of quality that vets and you are going to get paid and get paid well.”



David Anderson | Keeneland photo

The Keeneland September sale featured one ultra-select Book 1 session in 2017, but this year’s Book 1 is four days and includes a catalogue of 987 yearlings. The expansion made sledding difficult for some offerings, according to consignor Reiley McDonald of Eaton Sales.

“I think it has been a really solid market,” McDonald said. “Anybody who had a horse in this session that belonged in Book 2 or Book 3 got hurt, but for all the legitimate horses that were in here, there were plenty of buyers. I think the sale has been very good, at least the first two days. I even thought the first day, which is always a hard day to get started, there were too many buy-backs, but the horses that sold, sold very well. Today there is even more heat to the market.”

Phoenix Thoroughbreds has purchased eight yearlings so far at the September sale, including a \$1.35-million son of Empire Maker. Tom Ludt, the group’s head of U.S. operations, was finding plenty of competition in bidding. **Cont. p4**

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“Like always, the good ones are selling for more than you want to pay, but that is what it is going to take to get it done,” Ludt said. “The top end is extremely strong, but it is good for the game.”

The third session of the four-day Book 1 will get underway Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m.

Familiar Faces Involved in Topper Transaction...

If two entities best know the highly coveted family of Tuesday’s \$2.4-million session-topping War Front colt (**hip 458**), it’s the Coolmore contingent and John Sikura’s Hill ‘n’ Dale. The former has campaigned members of it, including GI Belmont S. heroine and champion Rags to Riches (A.P. Indy) and her half-brother Man of Iron (Giant’s Causeway), who took the 2009 Breeders’ Cup Marathon; while Sikura at one point owned a piece of blue-hen third dam Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister) and has done very well both racing and selling out of the family.

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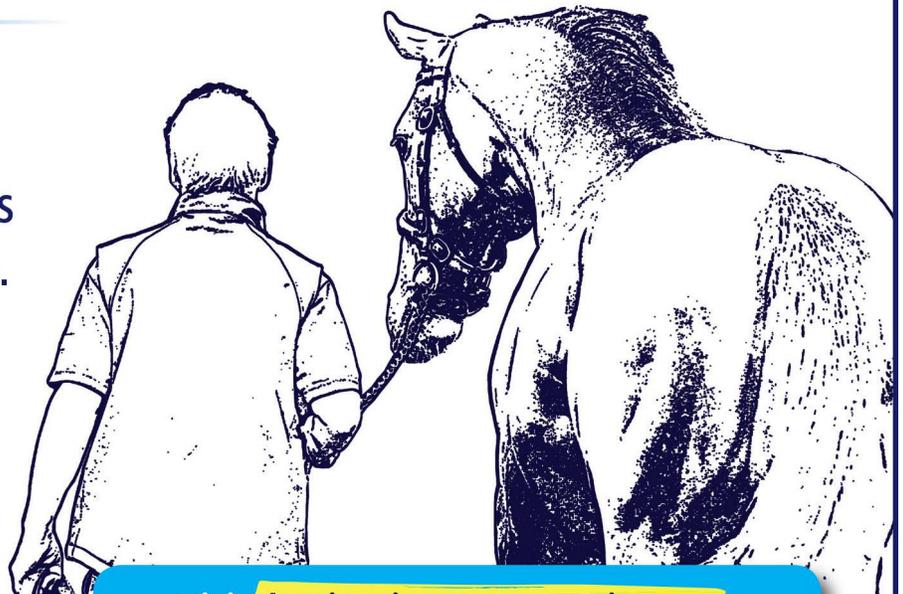
KEENELAND SEPTEMBER SALE – TUESDAY

SESSION TOTALS	2018
• Catalogued	247
• No. Offered	212
• No. Sold	168
• RNAs	44
• % RNAs	20.8%
• No. \$1m+	8
• High Price	\$2,400,000
• Gross	\$65,835,000
• Average	\$391,875
• Median	\$300,000
COLTS	
• No. Sold	111
• RNAs	24
• Average	\$402,432
• Median	\$300,000
FILLIES	
• No. Sold	57
• RNAs	20
• Average	\$371,316
• Median	\$275,000

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“What can I say about War Front? Over the past couple of years, we have been extremely lucky with his horses,” Coolmore’s M.V. Magnier said. “US Navy Flag, who is going to the [A\$13-million] Everest in a couple weeks and hopefully will have a good chance in that; Roly Poly, his sister, Navy Command, Declaration of War, Air Force Blue. His foals that are on the ground are incredible. [Hip 458] comes from a great family. It’s all Michael [Tabor] and Derrick [Smith]’s family back to Rags to Riches. They felt a strong connection to the family and they have had a lot of luck with the family in the past and we have as well. He’s a lovely horse. He has all the right credentials. He is out of a very good racemare. We are going to bring him back to Ireland and hopefully he will be a good runner.”

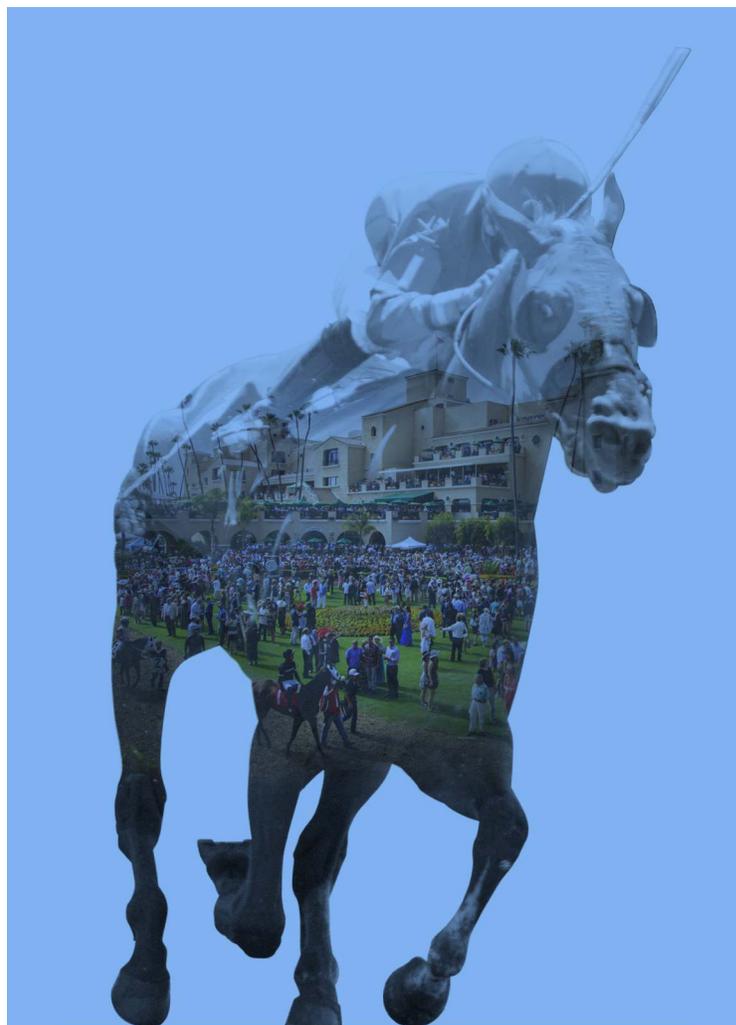


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Hip 458 is a daughter of Grade I-winning juvenile Streaming (Smart Strike), who was campaigned by Sikura and his father-in-law Edward McGhee. Hill ‘n’ Dale also bred second dam Teeming (Storm Cat) out of Better Than Honour, the 2007 Broodmare of the Year.

Among Hill ‘n’ Dale’s other big scores from this family was the \$2.85-million sale of an unraced Tapit half-sister to hip 458’s dam (in foal to Distorted Humor) to Don Alberto Corp. at KEENOV ‘14.

“We knew we had a top horse by a world-class sire in War Front,” said Sikura in between congratulations from members of his Hill ‘n’ Dale team. “It’s been a remarkable pedigree for us. We’ve been brave in retaining the daughters. We always have mixed emotions--we keep fillies and sell colts. If I were in a different position, I’d probably be keeping colts as well, but we’re commercial breeders, so we need these home runs to keep everything going and be able to replenish the stock and move forward. I wish them the best of luck. It was a good price for a wonderful horse, and I hope he’s a champion.” **Cont. p6**



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When asked to describe the colt, Sikura said, "He's a big, rangy, long, beautiful horse. He has quality, class, presence. He's a great mover--a touch immature, but when he fills out he'll look as good as a horse can look."

Claiborne Farm's War Front had an extremely strong day--he was responsible for the top two hips and four of the top 10. His eight to sell brought a combined \$8,370,000 at an average of \$1,046,250. For the sale, his 11 yearlings to change hands have brought \$9,670,000 (\$879,091 average). --@BDiDonatoTDN

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TOP COLTS

HIP	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
458	War Front–Streaming Breeder: Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings & Stretch Run Ventures (KY) Consignor: Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchaser: M. V. Magnier	2,400,000



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• Catalogued	495
• No. Offered	424
• No. Sold	306
• RNAs	118
• % RNAs	27.8%
• No. \$1m+	13
• High Price	\$2,400,000
• Gross	\$114,455,000
• Average	\$374,036
• Median	\$300,000
COLTS	
• No. Sold	203
• RNAs	67
• Average	\$386,601
• Median	\$300,000
FILLIES	
• No. Sold	103
• RNAs	51
• Average	\$349,272
• Median	\$275,000

*2017 stats not shown for comparison due to change in Book 1 format for 2018.



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383 Uncle Mo–Secret	1,400,000	
<i>Breeder: Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds (KY)</i>		
<i>Consignor: Bridie Harrison, agent for Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds</i>		
<i>Purchaser: Mike Ryan, agent</i>		
388 Empire Maker--Seeinsbelieven	1,350,000	
<i>(\$320,000 wnlg '17 KEENOV)</i>		
<i>Breeder: Gainesway Thoroughbreds (KY)</i>		
<i>Consignor: VanMeter-Gentry Sales, Agent XVII</i>		
<i>Purchaser: Phoenix Thoroughbreds</i>		
456 Curlin–Stoweshoe	1,300,000	
<i>Breeder: Doug & Felicia Branham (KY)</i>		
<i>Consignor: Eaton Sales, agent</i>		
<i>Purchaser: Godolphin</i>		
291 War Front–Pin Up (Ire)	1,200,000	
<i>Breeder: St. Elias Stables & Joseph Allen (KY)</i>		
<i>Consignor: Dromoland Farm Inc. (Gerry Dilger), Agent XXVII</i>		
<i>Purchaser: Shadwell Estate Company, Ltd.</i>		
297 Pioneerof the Nile–Pomeroy's Pistol	1,000,000	
<i>Breeder: Hardacre Farm (FL)</i>		
<i>Consignor: Brookdale Sales, agent for Hardacre Farm LLC</i>		
<i>Purchaser: Albaugh Family & Spendthrift LLC</i>		
457 Quality Road–Strawberry Sense	975,000	
<i>Breeder: Payson Stud (KY)</i>		
<i>Consignor: Stone Farm, agent</i>		
<i>Purchaser: Godolphin</i>		
309 Uncle Mo–Princess Arabella	925,000	
<i>Breeder: Summer Wind Equine (KY)</i>		
<i>Consignor: Lane's End, agent</i>		
<i>Purchaser: SF Bloodstock, LLC/Starlight West</i>		
385 Uncle Mo–Secret File	900,000	
<i>Breeder: Oakbrook Farm (KY)</i>		
<i>Consignor: Indian Creek, agent</i>		
<i>Purchaser: M. V. Magnier & Repole</i>		
486 Curlin–Take Charge Brandi	850,000	
<i>Breeder: Elevage II & Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings (KY)</i>		
<i>Consignor: Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent</i>		
<i>Purchaser: John C. Oxley</i>		

TOP FILLIES

<u>HIP</u>	<u>SIRE DAM</u>	<u>PRICE (\$)</u>
389 War Front–Seeking Gabrielle		1,750,000
<i>Breeder: Hinkle Farms (KY)</i>		
<i>Property of: Hinkle Farms</i>		
<i>Purchaser: Godolphin</i>		
306 American Pharoah–Pretty 'n Smart		1,200,000
<i>Breeder: Turner Breeders (KY)</i>		
<i>Consignor: VanMeter-Gentry Sales, Agent XXIII</i>		
<i>Purchaser: M. V. Magnier</i>		
267 War Front–Orate		950,000
<i>Breeder: Claiborne Farm (KY)</i>		
<i>Consignor: Claiborne Farm, agent</i>		
<i>Purchaser: Shadwell Estate Company, Ltd.</i>		
268 Hard Spun–Orchard Beach		950,000
<i>Breeder: Anderson Farms Ont. (ON)</i>		
<i>Consignor: Anderson Farms, agent</i>		
<i>Purchaser: Shawn Dugan, agent</i>		
263 Street Sense–On My Way		800,000
<i>Breeder: Waymore (KY)</i>		
<i>Consignor: Gainesway, agent for Waymore LLC</i>		
<i>Purchaser: Bob Baffert, agent</i>		

Godolphin Grabs Nyquist Sis...

Sheikh Mohammed already stands Nyquist (Uncle Mo) at his Jonabell Farm in Kentucky and his Godolphin team grabbed a War Front half-sister to the 2015 champion juvenile and 2016 GI Kentucky Derby winner Tuesday for \$1.75 million. The bay miss was consigned by her breeder **Hinkle Farms** as **hip 389**. *Click for ThoroStride.com video inspection.*

“We all liked her, but if you ask me, she’s a stunning filly,” said trainer John Gosden, who signed the ticket. “She has very good breeders with great history in the Hinkles. She’s a stunningly good-looking filly by a great stallion and a half-sister to a Kentucky Derby winner. She’s bought to race, and to be a broodmare.”

Gosden said a decision had not yet been made as to where hip 389 would be sent for racing, but that it would most likely be Europe.

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As for the price, he said, "It was very strong, but when you're buying a filly of that absolute quality... that's exactly what you'd expect to pay."

Breeder Tom Hinkle was understandably elated.

"We were expecting her to sell well, but you don't ever expect that," he said. "We were just very fortunate. She's a lovely filly, and she's going to a great place and she'll have the best opportunities she can possibly have."

He continued, "She's been a star since the day she was born. She's just been perfect--she's got such a good mind, and she came up here and she was just perfect. My team at the farm did a great job with her, from the time she was born to the time she walked in the ring. My daughter Anne Archer and my manager Justin Harper and the groom Carlos Hernandez, they were just fantastic and we were so fortunate to have such a nice horse."

Hip 389 is a granddaughter of Grade II winning juvenile

Seeking Regina (Seeking the Gold), who also produced the graded stakes-winning dam of GI Metropolitan H. winner Sahara Sky (Pleasant Tap).



Hip 389 | Keeneland photo

Hinkle Farm purchased dam Seeking Gabrielle for \$100,000 at Keeneland November in 2013 while she was in foal to Blame and while Nyquist was a weanling. Nyquist brought \$180,000 at the same sale.

"We bought the dam when Nyquist was a weanling," Hinkle noted. "We saw him as a weanling and loved him. We weren't interested in weanlings, but we were buying mares, and we bought the mare because he was such a lovely horse. The mare gets really nice foals, and

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Seeking Gabrielle's first Hinkle-bred foal, the Blame filly, was a \$330,000 KEESEP yearling in 2015 and a Gulfstream maiden special weight winner last year. She was barren in 2015, but came back with a Flatter colt who sold for \$460,000 here last term to Lane's End Bloodstock on behalf of West Point Thoroughbreds. The juvenile is now named Still Dreaming. Seeking Gabrielle produced a Tapit colt Apr. 11 before being bred back to Uncle Mo.

And where does Tuesday's score rank in Hinkle's career as a breeder?

"This is the highest-priced horse I've ever sold, but in 1985 I sold a Danzig colt for \$1 million. That's the last horse we sold for a million, so that's a long time between drinks."

--@BDiDonatoTDN



Tom Hinkle | Keeneland photo

Uncle Mo Colt for Partnership...

Mike Ryan, bidding on behalf of a partnership, went to \$1.4 million to acquire a colt by Uncle Mo, triggering a flurry of seven-figure sales Tuesday at Keeneland. Out of Secret (Street Cry {Ire}), the yearling was consigned by Bridie Harrison on behalf of breeder Peter Blum.

"We thought he was very, very special," Ryan said of hip 383. "He blew me away when I saw him."

At the same time a bidding war was breaking out for the half-sister of GI Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist (Uncle Mo) some six hips later, Ryan was saying, "He reminded me of Nyquist. We bought Nyquist here as a yearling for a whole lot less. But this horse was very special. I thought this one might have been the best yearling I saw this year."

Ryan, who did his bidding while sitting alongside owner Bill Warren, continued, "I bought him for a partnership group. I haven't figured out who will train him yet, but he'll go to a top trainer. We thought he was a top-class dirt prospect, a Classic horse out of a Street Cry mare. We're dreaming Derby."

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The seven-figure sale was generations in the making for longtime breeder Peter Blum. Blum bred and raced the yearling's dam Secret. He bred his second dam Proposal, sold her as a 2-year-old, only to buy her back as a 4-year-old at the 2001 Keeneland November sale. The mare has produced graded stakes placed Silver City and Elope.

Going further back, Blum bred and raced successive generations from Lady of Choice (Storm Bird) and Chosen Lady (Secretariat) to Mine Only (Mr. Prospector), who broke her maiden for Blum and trainer Allen Jerkens at Belmont in 1984.

Bridie Harrison, who has consigned on behalf of Blum under her own name since 2015, was celebrating her first million-dollar sale.

"I was delighted with the price he bought," Harrison said. "He's a very nice horse. I wish Mike Ryan all the best of luck with him. I hope he does well."

Of the first million-dollar sale, Harrison said, "It felt pretty good. My son Johnathan was showing the horse and I told him to enjoy selling him because there aren't too many like this one."

She continued, "I consign only for [Blum]. We have only his horses on the farm. He takes good care of us and we take good care of him. He has some very nice well-bred horses."

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506	F	Tiznow-Thin Disguise	\$135,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Old Chapel Farm	Old Chapel Farm
515	F	American Pharoah-Toast to Ashley	\$220,000	KEE JAN ALL AGES 18	Bloodstock Investments V	Taylor Made Sales Agency
520	C	Awesome Again-Topic	\$130,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Khalid Mishref	James B. Keogh
529	F	Curlin-Trickski	\$275,000	FTK FALL MIX 2017	De Meric Stables	Select Sales
543	C	Honor Code-Unbridled Betty	\$200,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	September Farm	Paramount Sales
551	C	Mr Speaker-Unforgiving	\$52,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Chad Schumer	Paramount Sales
557	F	Street Boss-Urloveisasymphony	\$165,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Dudley Racing	St George Sales
564	C	Kitten's Joy-Vivo Per Lei	\$55,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Eurowest	Glennwood Farm
566	F	City Zip-Voyage	\$135,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	September Farm	Stuart Morris
588	F	Verrazano-Willathewest	\$90,000	KEE JAN ALL AGES 18	Athens Wood	Eaton Sales
597	F	Mineshaft-Witch Tradition	\$90,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Rayben Stables	VanMeter-Gentry Sales
599	C	Into Mischief-W W American	\$210,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Rocco Bloodstock	Woods Edge Farm
601	F	Malibu Moon-Yara	\$150,000	OBS WNT MIX 18	Patrice Miller/EQB	Hidden Brook
606	C	Verrazano-Zia	\$75,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Frank Russo	Taylor Made Sales Agency
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637	F	Cairo Prince-Alpaca Fina	\$95,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Woodford Thoroughbreds	Woodford Thoroughbreds
695	C	Quality Road-Ben's Boots	\$235,000	KEE JAN ALL AGES 18	Springhouse Farm	Paramount Sales
707	C	Cairo Prince-Blushing Dixie	\$225,000	FTK FALL MIX 2017	Cheyenne Stables & Jim Wells	Mill Ridge Sales
709	C	Pioneerof the Nile-Bobbie Use	\$550,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Baccari Bloodstock	Baccari Bloodstock
710	F	Bernardini-Bold Angel	\$105,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Twin Peaks	Eaton Sales
733	C	Uncle Mo-But for Money	\$175,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Cavalier Bloodstock	Woods Edge Farm
739	C	City Zip-Cape Cod Girl	\$52,000	KEE NOV BRDG 17	Beryl N. Stokes Jr.	Taylor Made Sales Agency
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Phoenix Adds to Their 'Empire'...

Phoenix Thoroughbreds continued to be very active in the yearling marketplace, fending off all comers to acquire an Empire Maker colt (**Hip 388**) for \$1.35 million Tuesday.

"He pretty much had everything," said Phoenix's Head of U.S. Operations Tom Ludt, who signed the ticket while seated alongside Phoenix principal Amer Abdulaziz and Hall of Famer Bob Baffert. "Obviously at a price like that, we weren't the only ones that thought that. He had a powerful walk and looked strong. I was just talking to John Servis, who was the underbidder, and I love John. He said he thought he was the best horse in the sale. It always feels good when somebody comes up to you after and says that. Obviously Bob [Baffert] loved him too and that is who we are sending him to."

Hip 388 is from Empire Maker's first crop since Gainesway brought him back from Japan.

"I bought Pioneerof the Nile as a stallion at Vinery in my good old days, so it is good to see Empire Maker come back," Ludt said. "I assume Gainesway loved him and pursued him to bring him back after he had some good horses since Juddmonte sold him to Japan. Hopefully we bought the best one."

Gainesway bred the Mar. 2 foal and he was purchased by consignor Van-Meter-Gentry Sales' Renee Dailey for \$320,000 at last term's Keeneland November sale. Out of the Carson City mare Seeinsbelieven, the bay is a half-brother to GSW Conquest Big E (Tapit) and SW Aquapazza (Stormy Atlantic). This is also the family of graded winners Softly (Binalong) and Coragil Cat (Forest Wildcat). **Cont. p11**



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“He was so well-made and just a beautiful walker,” Dailey said of his appeal as a weanling. “To me, he was the best horse in the sale and we were fortunate enough to get him.”

As for his progress coming into this sale, Dailey said, “He has done everything right. He was kind of long and lean and light. He has just grown and put on a lot of weight. He ate good and has just done everything right. We have never had anything go backwards with him.”

Hip 388 was the second seven-figure yearling of the session for VanMeter-Gentry Sales, who was also represented by a \$1.2 million American Pharoah filly (Hip 306). The operation also sold a Declaration of War colt (Hip 334) to William K. Werner for \$235,000 during Tuesday’s session. --@CDeBernardisTDN

Repatriated Stallion Looks to Reclaim His ‘Empire’...

Empire Maker sired several graded winners during his tenure at Juddmonte, which bred and raced the blue-blooded MGISW, including dual Grade I winner Pioneerof the Nile, who of course went on to sire Triple Crown winner American Pharoah and champion Classic Empire, both of whom now stand at Ashford.

However, after being sold to Japan in 2011, his American offspring really began to hit their best stride with the likes of three-time champion Royal Delta, MGISW Emollient and Grade I-winning millionaires Bodemeister, Grace Hall, Mushka and Acoma lighting up the racetrack.

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The Solari family’s Don Alberto Corporation partnered with Gainesway to bring Empire Maker back to America in 2015 and that decision was justified during the first two days of Keeneland September with several big-figure purchases by the stallion, topped by a \$1.35 million colt (**Hip 388**) bred by Gainesway and pinhooked by VanMeter-Gentry Sales.

“That was a super yearling that Tom VanMeter sold,” Gainesway’s Michael Hernon said. “We have a very good partner in Don Alberto. We support the horse. They support the horse. He is very good in the shed. His fertility is very good. We look after the asset. We recognize that he is turning 19. He had a very good year this year and we think he has a lot of good years left in him based on the quality of the stock he is putting on the ground.”

Gainesway bred and sold Empire Maker’s second highest-priced foal of the sale thus far in **Hip 406**, a half-brother to recent GI Alabama S. winner Eskimo Kisses (To Honor and Serve), who summoned \$800,000 from Mike Repole and Vinnie Viola’s St. Elias Stables, the connections behind this year’s GI Wood Memorial S. winner Vino Rosso (Curlin). The stallion’s highest-priced filly was **Hip 163**, a \$700,000 purchase by Mayberry Farm. Through the first two sessions, 13 yearlings by Empire Maker had sold for a gross of \$7 million and an average of \$538,462.

“Empire Maker is all class,” Hernon said as he prepared to send Hip 406 through the ring. “He is a big, rangy, good-looking horse of high quality. I think one of the underlying qualities, besides his physical appeal, is he imparts his tremendous temperament and demeanor, which carried him to becoming the top racehorse he was and enabled him to become such an influential stallion. I am optimistic that some of these yearlings will become graded stakes winners and hopefully his 11 Grade I winners will start to increase with the U.S. yearlings since his return.” --@CDeBernardisTDN

A New Pioneer for Albaughs, Spendthrift...

Dennis Albaugh and Jason Loutsch’s Albaugh Family Stables has already enjoyed strong representation on racing’s biggest stage with such graded stakes performers as Free Drop Billy, Not This Time and Brody’s Cause, and the operation hopes to have found its next star after teaming with Spendthrift Farm to acquire a colt by Pioneerof the Nile for \$1 million from the Brookdale Sales consignment Tuesday at Keeneland.

“We really stretched, but we’ve got a good partner on him,” Albaugh said after signing the ticket on **hip 297**. “We’re excited about him and we can’t wait to get him into training so we can get him to the racetrack.”

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"He checked all the boxes, has a little speed on the bottom side and Pioneerof the Nile on the top side, so we're excited," Loutsch said of the yearling. "We have a relationship with Spendthrift with Brody's Cause and Free Drop Billy. So we have a good working relationship and we're happy to partner up with them. They are great people."

Albaugh Family Stable had success on the other side of the ledger during Monday's first session of the Keeneland September sale, selling a filly by Tapit out of Miss Macy Sue (Trippi) for \$1.4 million. The yearling is a half-brother to Not This Time, who was runner-up in the operation's colors in the 2016 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. That success may have made Albaugh more bullish in bidding Tuesday.

"Probably quite a bit," he said with a laugh when asked how much Monday's result impacted his bidding Tuesday. "Without that one, I don't think I'd be bidding like that today."

Spendthrift Farm stands Brody's Cause, who won the 2016 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. for the Albaughs, and will add Free Drop Billy to its roster when that GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity winner retires.



Hip 297 | Keeneland photo

"To me, he was among the very best individuals we saw here," Spendthrift General Manager Ned Toffey said of the \$1-million yearling. "He ticks all of the boxes; out of a mare that could run and obviously a very talented sire. We couldn't be happier to have him. We've done some business with the Albaughs, so we're very happy to be working with them again."

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Asked to assess the strength of the market 10 years on, Toffey said, "I think we're very solid now, but I'm not sure there is the depth that there was in the old days. People are very selective, they're careful about what they are doing. So on the right horse, when the stars align, there is a tremendous market. If you don't quite have the right horse, you're going to have a little tougher time." @JessMartiniTDN

\$1-Million Colt a Home Run for Hardacre...

Amy Tarrant trained Pomeroy's Pistol (Pomeroy), a homebred from her Hardacre Farm, to wins in the 2011 GII Forward Gal S., GII Gallant Bloom H. and GIII Sugar Swirl S. Two years ago, Tarrant decided to retire from the travel of racetrack life and focus on her Ocala-based breeding operation. The decision was rewarded in the sales ring Tuesday when Pomeroy's Pistol's yearling colt by Pioneerof the Nile sold for \$1 million to Spendthrift Farm and Albaugh Family Stables.

"I'm just over the moon," Tarrant said Tuesday. "This is just fabulous. He's a beautiful colt. We knew there was nothing wrong with him. He had a Grade I throat and he was beautiful looking, so we were hoping for the best. But I am tickled that he went for that, I've got to tell you. It's a big win for our farm."

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Tarrant was in Vermont when [hip 297](#) went through the ring and watched proceedings on her computer, along with family members all around the country.

“Because it’s still a workday, all my kids were watching it at work on their computers,” she said. “So the phone just started ringing off the hook after my horse sold. Everybody was calling. My sisters from California, my sons all called. They were just going crazy.”

A native of Vermont, Tarrant founded Hardacre Farm in 1999, and began training her own horses in 2003. At the 2004 Keeneland September sale, she went to \$75,000 for a Point Given filly who would later be named Prettyatthetable. While she never made it to the races, Prettyatthetable’s first foal was a \$195,000 earner, and her second was Pomeroy’s Pistol.

Tuesday’s seven-figure yearling, the mare’s third foal, was a highwater mark for Hardacre Farm.

“I had a lovely Bernardini colt sell for \$725,000 and I was over the moon with that, but this is just fabulous,” she said. “It’s great for our farm, we have a great crew. They will all be rewarded for their hard work, I can assure you.”

Including the 10-year-old Pomeroy’s Pistol, who is currently in foal to Hard Spun, Hardacre Farm has a commercial broodmare band of 16 head.

“Every year we do cull a few of them because we are trying to have the best stock that we can have,” Tarrant said. “So we keep the better ones, and the ones that haven’t done much, we pass on to someone else who could have a decent mare with a nice pedigree and maybe do fine. But we need to keep our numbers at a minimum.”

Of her decision to retire from training, Tarrant explained, “I decided I wanted to spend more time with my family and this is the only way that I could do it. You can’t leave in the middle of a meet like Gulfstream or Saratoga. And being at the farm this way is working out. I had withdrawal at first, but I’m getting over it.”

Hardacre has an additional three yearlings scheduled to sell at the September sale.

“I’m hoping we’ll do well with those,” Tarrant said. “We have our fingers crossed, but this result has made the sale for us, for sure.” [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Coolmore Returns to the Well...

Coolmore went to \$1.2 million to acquire their fourth horse out of GSP Pretty ‘n Smart (Beau Genius), a filly from the first crop of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah ([Hip 306](#)). The operation spent \$1 million for the mare’s Tapit colt now named Dream Team at the 2013 renewal of this auction. They returned a year later to buy another Tapit colt out of Pretty ‘n Smart for \$900,000, who became Grade I winner and new Ashford stallion

Cupid, and went to a sales-topping \$2.7 million for her Tapit filly last year.

“We have been very lucky with the family in the past,” said Coolmore’s M.V. Magnier. “Cupid was very good when he won the [GI] Gold Cup at Santa Anita and Bob [Baffert] always thought a lot about him. He is very popular at stud at the moment.”



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He continued, “She is a very nice filly by a very good sire. We were a little disappointed that we didn’t get the horse yesterday [[Hip 91](#), a session-topping \$2.2 million American Pharoah colt]. She is a lovely filly and she will go to Europe. We really like the filly and let’s hope it works out.”

American Pharoah ran exclusively on dirt and Pretty ‘n Smart and most of her offspring also did their best running on the main track.

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As for the decision to send this filly to run on the turf in Europe, Magnier said, "We are going to bring this filly to Ballydoyle. Bob Baffert said he really thought American Pharoah would have went on the grass. All those types are what Ballydoyle was built on really. We just have to get these American horses over on the grass in Europe and see how it goes."

The American Pharoah yearlings have been highly coveted in the auction ring this season. Hip 306 is the Ashford resident's second million-dollar horse of this auction and 25 of his yearlings have sold for \$10.835 million through the first two sessions.

"Everybody seems to be saying that they are very good movers, have great quality and look like very sound animals," Magnier said of American Pharoah's first crop. "He was such a great racehorse and was so sound himself. Let's hope he passes it on. It looks like he has every chance to do that."

Bred by Turner Breeders, the filly was consigned by VanMeter-Gentry Sales, a joint venture between Tom VanMeter and the late Olin Gentry, who passed away after suffering a stroke at the OBS June Sale.

"That was exciting. That was great," VanMeter said. "Olin, our dearly departed partner and friend, picked that mare out for \$75,000 off the track and he managed virtually her entire

career. I think we have sold around \$7 million in yearlings out of her. It was great. Olin planned the mating [to American Pharoah]. We have Pioneer of the Nile colt on the ground, who is another striker and she is back in foal to Medaglia d'Oro."

In addition to Coolmore's previously mentioned purchases, Pretty 'n Smart has also produced MGSW Heart Ashley (Lion Heart), whose daughter Ameristralia (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) is graded-stakes-placed in Australia; GSW Ashley's Kitty (Tale of the Cat); and SW Indianapolis (Medaglia d'Oro). The 20-year-old mare is also responsible for the unraced Sweet Assassin (Tapit), a \$500,000 KEESEP buy, who was purchased by Don Alberto for \$750,000 at last term's Fasig-Tipton November sale.

--@CDeBernardisTDN

Anderson Hits Another Home Run at KEESEP

The first foal out of Orchard Beach (Tapit), a colt by Scat Daddy now named Sergei Prokofiev, gave David Anderson his first seven-figure sale when hammering for \$1.1 million to Coolmore. The mare continued to regard the Canadian breeder Tuesday when her second foal, a Hard Spun filly (**Hip 268**), summoned \$950,000 from bloodstock agent Shawn Dugan, becoming the highest-priced yearling for her Darley sire.

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Hard Spun's first post-Japan crop are two-year-olds – and they include recent Del Mar debut maiden winner **Spin Lightning** and G2 Saratoga Special third, **Spinoff**.

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“Talk about excitement! Holy smokes,” said a jubilant Anderson with a big smile on his face. “I ran into Shawn this morning at my hotel having a coffee and I said, ‘You have to come by and look at this filly.’ She came by and fell in love with her and the rest is history. So exciting.”

Dugan was buying on behalf of an undisclosed client, but indicated that the filly was likely to join her older brother in Europe.



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“She is a gorgeous filly and we really, really like David Anderson’s operation,” Dugan said. “The half-brother was a superstar here last here. He made \$1.1 million and he has done very well for Coolmore. It’s a nice mare.”

As for the price, she said, “Anytime you spend that kind of money it is a reach. It was a reach, but we did it.”

Anderson bought Hip 268’s second dam Song and Danz (Unbridled’s Song) for \$400,000 at the 2011 Keeneland January sale with her dam Orchard Beach in utero. Orchard Beach made just two starts for Anderson with no wins before retiring to his broodmare band. Her first foal Sergei Prokofiev was sent to Ballydoyle to study under the great Aidan O’Brien after his big sale at Keeneland. The **‘TDN Rising Star’** is already a stakes winner and graded stakes-placed in Europe.

“I bought this filly’s grandmother at the 2011 Keeneland January sale and she topped the sale,” Anderson said. “It was only \$400,000, which doesn’t seem like much now, but back then that was at the bottom of the market and it was a big price.”

The horseman, who breeds and raises his foals at his **Anderson Farms** in Ontario, continued, “I sold her brother for \$1.1 million and now this filly for \$950,000, so I’d say the mare is paying for herself. She is a nice, athletic Tapit mare that had a lot of ability and I got her back in foal to Medaglia d’Oro, so I am hoping for

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\$150,000	(\$150 nomination fee)
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\$100,000	(\$100 nomination fee)
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up	1-1/16 Miles

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Runs Sat., Sept. 15	Closes Sept. 1
\$100,000	(\$100 nomination fee)
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up	6 Furlongs

DOGWOOD (Listed)

Runs Sat., Sept. 22	Closes Sept. 8
\$100,000	(\$100 nomination fee)
Fillies, Three Years Old	7 Furlongs

ACK ACK (GIII)

Runs Sat., Sept. 29	Closes Sept. 15
\$100,000	(\$100 nomination fee)
Three Years Old & Up	1 Mile

LUKAS CLASSIC (GIII)

Runs Sat., Sept. 29	Closes Sept. 15
\$200,000	(\$200 nomination fee)
Three Years Old & Up	1-1/8 Miles

JEFFERSON CUP (Listed)

Runs Sat., Sept. 29	Closes Sept. 15
\$100,000	(\$100 nomination fee)
Three Year Olds	1-1/8 Miles Turf

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2018 Fall Meet Stakes Schedule

October 28 - November 25

STARS OF TOMORROW I

SPENDTHRIFT JUVENILE STALLION STAKES

Runs Sun., Oct. 28 Closes Oct. 13
 \$300,000 (no nomination fee)
 Two Year Olds 7 Furlongs

RAGS TO RICHES OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Sun., Oct. 28 Closes Oct. 20
 \$95,000 (no nomination fee)
 Fillies Two Year Olds 1 Mile

THE BET ON SUNSHINE OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Thurs., Nov. 1 Closes Oct. 20
 \$95,000 (no nomination fee)
 Three Years Old & Up 7 Furlongs

STREET SENSE

Runs Fri., Nov. 2 Closes Oct. 20
 \$100,000 (\$100 nomination fee)
 Two Year Olds 1 Mile

THE MARATHON STAKES (GII)

Runs Fri., Nov. 2 Closes Oct. 20
 \$200,000 (\$200 nomination fee)
 Three Years Old & Up 1-3/4 Miles

THE CHEROKEE RUN STAKES

Runs Sat., Nov. 3 Closes Oct. 20
 \$200,000 (\$200 nomination fee)
 Three Year Olds 7 Furlongs

CHILUKKI (GII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 3 Closes Oct. 20
 \$200,000 (\$200 nomination fee)
 Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up 1 Mile

DREAM SUPREME OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Sun., Nov. 4 Closes Oct. 27
 \$95,000 (no nomination fee)
 Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up 6 Furlongs

COMMONWEALTH TURF (GIII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 10 Closes Oct. 27
 \$100,000 (\$100 nomination fee)
 Three Year Olds 1-1/16 Miles Turf

RIVER CITY HANDICAP (GIII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 17 Closes Nov. 3
 \$100,000 (\$100 nomination fee)
 Three Year Olds & Up 1-1/8 Miles Turf

CARDINAL HANDICAP (GIII)

Runs Thurs., Nov. 22 Closes Nov. 10
 \$100,000 (\$100 nomination fee)
 Fillies & Mares, 1-1/8 Miles Turf
 Three Years Old & Up

FALLS CITY HANDICAP (GII)

Runs Thurs., Nov. 22 Closes Nov. 10
 \$200,000 (\$200 nomination fee)
 Fillies & Mares, 1-1/8 Miles
 Three Years Old & Up

MRS. REVERE (GII)

Runs Fri., Nov. 23 Closes Nov. 10
 \$200,000 (\$200 nomination fee)
 Fillies, Three Years Old 1-1/16 Miles Turf

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Runs Fri., Nov. 23 Closes Nov. 10
 \$500,000 (\$300 nomination fee)
 Three Years Old & Up 1-1/8 Miles

STARS OF TOMORROW II

GOLDEN ROD (GII)

2019 Kentucky Oaks Points Race

Runs Sat., Nov. 24 Closes Nov.10
 \$200,000 (\$200 nomination fee)
 Fillies, Two Years Old 1-1/16 Miles

KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB (GII)

2019 Kentucky Derby Points Race

Runs Sat., Nov. 24 Closes Nov.10
 \$200,000 (\$200 nomination fee)
 Two Year Olds 1-1/16 Miles

even better things. She is a young mare and this is only her second foal.”

It’s been another banner year for Anderson both in the sales ring and on the racetrack. Hip 268 was one of two yearlings he brought to Keeneland and the other, a Speightstown colt (**Hip 3**), brought \$600,000 from Winchell Thoroughbreds during Monday’s opening session. He also sold a \$400,000 Honor Code filly and \$225,000 Hard Spun filly at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale. Several Anderson Farms-bred horses have been burning up the racetrack, headlined by Queen’s Plate victress and GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up Wonder Gadot (Medaglia d’Oro); MGSW & GISP Tower of Texas (Street Sense); MSW & MGSP Inflexibility (Scat Daddy); and Sergei Prokofiev.

“It’s been just a tremendous year,” Anderson said. “I thought last year would be top, but now we have blown by last year. I’ve got tremendous people behind me at the farm and Marettte Farrell has been such an inspiration to me.”

--@CDeBernardisTDN

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Baffert Getting Mo--Arabella Colt...

While **‘TDN Rising Star’** Princess Arabella (Any Given Saturday) wouldn’t land high on the seemingly endless list of Bob Baffert-trained stand-outs by her accomplishments, she’d have to be towards the top of his “what might have been” rankings. A facile debut winner at the end of her juvenile season in 2011 for John Fort’s Peachtree Stable, the half-sister to MGSP Dyna’s Lassie (Dynaformer) added a 3 1/2-length allowance romp the following February. She stamped herself as a major GI Kentucky Oaks contender with an eight-length drubbing in the Sunland Park Oaks, only to be forced into retirement due to injury.

(Note: Glinda the Good {Hard Spun}, second to Princess Arabella at Sunland, is the dam of \$1-million KEESep yearling, 2017 champion juvenile and GI Haskell Invitational S. winner Good Magic {Curlin}.)

Baffert will get a chance for redemption with Princess Arabella’s colt by Uncle Mo after SF Bloodstock and Starlight West scooped him up for \$950,000 Tuesday. Already named Mo Hawk, the Apr. 29 foal was consigned by Lane’s End as **hip 309** and bred by **Jane Lyon’s Summer Wind Equine**.

“He’s out of a very fast mare; she was dominant,” SF’s Tom Ryan said. “He’s as smooth a horse as you could see, really, balanced--very fluid motion... Bob approved the horse on first inspection.” **Cont. p18**

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SF and Starlight, part of the powerful partnership in on this year's Baffert-trained Triple Crown winner Justify (Scat Daddy), have so far acquired seven Classically bred colts for a combined \$4,320,000 set to be sent to the silver-haired conditioner.

See *SF/Starlight Partnership Strikes for PON Colt* from Monday's coverage.

Their other Tuesday purchases were a \$520,000 Empire Maker--Purely Hot colt from the Taylor Made Draft (**hip 371**); a Hill 'n' Dale-consigned Tapit half-brother to champion and well-regarded freshman sire Honor Code (A.P. Indy) for \$700,000 (**hip 393**); a \$425,000 Candy Ride (Arg) colt offered by Betz Thoroughbreds as **hip 428**; and a \$600,000 Into Mischief colt (**hip 479**) bred and consigned by Hinkle Farms, which also sold the day's second topper.



Hip 309 | Keeneland photo

Summer Wind paid \$725,000 for Princess Arabella in foal to Tapit at the 2013 Keeneland January sale, and sold the resulting filly for \$750,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale in 2015. The mare's now 3-year-old colt Inflection Point (Speightstown) was a \$400,000 KEESEP '16 yearling and finished second by a head on debut at Belmont May 18 for other powerhouse connections in Chad Brown and Klaravich Stables. Princess Arabella's 2-year-old filly Ulele (Candy Ride {Arg}) was a \$300,000 FTSAUG buy by Cheyenne Stables and most recently breezed at Ellis Park Sept. 1. The mare produced a Union Rags colt Apr. 30 before being bred back to Into Mischief.

"We are very excited," said Lyon, who also bred the Fasig-Tipton July topper, an \$875,000 American Pharoah colt at Fasig Saratoga and an \$800,000 Tapit--Love Me Only (Ire) filly who sold to Shadwell Monday. "I think this colt is going to have the best chance of being all that he can be with the connections who have him. I can't wait to see how he progresses and I can't wait until that mare has a filly that I can keep."

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Half-sister UNAPOLOGETIC ME, impressive \$130,000
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Quick Back-to-Back Strike by Casse...

As bidding ticked upward on a Curlin colt late in Tuesday's second session of the Keeneland September sale, trainer Mark Casse calmly walked into a doorway at the back of the pavilion and with a single bid took home the first foal out of champion Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway) on behalf of John Oxley for \$850,000.

"I made only one bid," Casse confirmed. "[Oxley] left me with instructions, so I knew what I was doing. I was just waiting. I had plenty of time."

Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, the chestnut colt (**hip 486**) was bred by Elevage and Hill 'n' Dale Equine. The partnership purchased Take Charge Brandi, champion 2-year-old filly of 2014, for \$6 million at the 2015 Keeneland November sale. The Curlin yearling is her first foal.

"We love Curlin," Casse said of the yearling's appeal. "He's been good to us. He's one of my favorite sires. And you can't beat the page. The dam is a Breeders' Cup winner and he just kind of ticks all of the boxes, as we always say. Now we just need a little luck."

Take Charge Brandi produced a colt by Tapit in 2018 and was bred back to that stallion this spring.

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Keeneland September cont.

Casse made a quick return to bidding, going to \$650,000 to purchase a colt by Medaglia d’Oro, also on behalf of Oxley, the very next hip through the ring. Out of Tamboz (Tapit), a full-sister to Tapizar, the yearling (hip 487) is a half-brother to multiple graded placed Battalion Runner (Unbridled’s Song) and Oceanwave (Harlan’s Holiday).

“The Medaglia, you can’t beat him,” Casse said. “He’s been good to us as well.”

The yearling was bred by Dell Ridge Farm and was consigned by St. George Sales. @JessMartiniTDN

Godolphin Continues KEESEP Buying Spree...

With Sheikh Mohammed on the grounds, Godolphin continued their Keeneland September buying spree during Tuesday’s session, snapping up back-to-back pricey yearlings in Hip 456, a \$1.3 million Curlin colt, and Hip 457, a \$975,000 son of Quality Road.

Bred by Doug and Felicia Branham, Hip 456 is the first foal out of stakes winner Stoweshoe (Flatter), a full-sister to Grade I-winning millionaire Taris and half-sister to SW & MGSP Theatre Star (War Front).

“He is very athletic and a very good mover,” said Godolphin’s Anthony Stroud. “The stallion is very good and [the colt] just had a very good way of going.”

As for the price, Stroud said, “He is a nice horse and you have to pay a lot of money for a nice horse. It was more than we anticipated, but you have to stretch when you see one that you really like.”

Hip 456 was consigned to the sale by Reiley McDonald’s Eaton Sales.

“He’s a beautiful colt,” McDonald said. “Anything that goes into seven figures has got to be a top physical. He was very clean, great mind, huge shoulder and depth of girth, great length of back and big hip. He is really a nice horse.”

He continued, “We figured he would get into seven figures. We just didn’t know where. I thought it was a fair trade all around. He was liked by most of the really experienced buyers here, so it was really good price.”

The ink wasn’t even dry on the ticket for Hip 456 before the Godolphin team was at it again and Stroud was signing another ticket on Hip 457. The colt’s sire Quality Road has been red hot the past two seasons with champions Abel Tasman and Caledonia Road, as well as Grade I winners Salty, City of Light and Spring Quality.

Consigned by Stone Farm on behalf of Virginia Kraft Payson’s Payson Stud, the bay is out of the unraced A.P. Indy mare Strawberry Sense, who is also responsible for GSW & GISP Prime Attraction (Unbridled’s Song); SW & GISP Kathy’s Song (Candy Ride {Arg}); and SP Distillery (Dixie Union). A daughter of GSW Strawberry Reason (Strawberry Road {Aus}), Strawberry Sense is a full-sister to GSW Scipion; and a half-sister to champion Vindication (Seattle Slew) and SW & GSP In Step (Unbridled’s Song). **Cont. p20**



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“He is by Quality Road and from a great farm, Stone Farm owned by Mr. Hancock,” Stroud said. “We are very pleased to get him.” --@CDeBernardisTDN

Shadwell Strikes for Pair of War Fronts...

Sheikh Hamdan’s Shadwell Estate Company team, bidding from its usual private spot, struck twice early in Tuesday’s September session for a filly and colt, respectively, by War Front.

Their first pick-up of the day was hip 267, a filly consigned by her breeder Claiborne Farm, who cost \$950,000. The Jan. 31 foal is a full-sister to Whitecliffsofdoover, who Coolmore’s M.V. Magnier purchased for \$1.15 million here in 2015 and who went on to become a British stakes winner and Group 1-placed as a juvenile in France. She is also a half to stakes winner/Grade I-placed Endless Chatter (First Samurai), and her second dam is none other than MGISW Preach (Mr. Prospector), making her dam a full to late top sire Pulpit.

Shadwell wasted little time picking up another yearling by the international sensation in the form of hip 291, a bay colt consigned by Gerry Dilger’s Dromoland Farm Inc., Agent XXVII on behalf his breeders, Vinnie Viola’s St. Elias Stables and Joe Allen.

The Feb. 18 foal is out of British stakes-placed Pin Up (Ire) (Lookin At Lucky). Second dam All My Loving (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells) is one of a number of European champions on the page, which also includes her full-siblings and Group 1 winners Yesterday (Ire) and Quarter Moon (Ire).

A War Front--Quarter Moon colt (hip 321) brought \$420,000 during the session as well.

Dilger admitted he didn’t quite expect hip 291 to bring as much as he did: “Not really; he was a very good individual. A very nice horse with a great page, but you’re always surprised when you come up here, so I’m absolutely delighted with the colt and the price for him, and also for the breeder for giving me the opportunity to sell for them.”

Of the colt’s best attributes, Dilger said, “His balance and his movement. All week long he came out and did everything right. And people were telling me that they just really liked this individual. And after that, the horse sold himself.”

Shadwell, perennially among the leading buyers at September, has purchased 12 youngsters so far for a combined \$7,150,000. --@BDiDonatoTDN

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Justify Sibling an RNA...

The hype was high on [hip 443](#), a half-brother to undefeated Triple Crown winner Justify, but when bidding stalled at \$1.75 million, the striking colt was led out unsold and returned to Glennwood Farm's barn 47.

"Usually you wouldn't be smiling after a high-priced RNA, but we're ok with it," admitted Glennwood's Tanya Gunther. "We're happy to keep him. He's a really nice colt."

Gunther continued, "If somebody wanted to come in as a partner, that was something we wanted to do all along, that was our preferred route. We thought we'd come here for a public valuation and see if that was possible to do. If somebody wanted to come in for half, we'd be happy to entertain that. But we're happy to go solo as well. We've had a lot of luck with our RNAs in the past."

As for the yearling's dam Stage Magic (Ghostzapper), who also produced graded stakes winner The Lieutenant (Street Sense), Gunther said, "She has a Pioneerof the Nile colt at foot, she's in foal to Quality Road and she'll go to Curlin next year. We are excited about all of those." [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLINGS – TUESDAY

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
317	colt	Empire Maker	Purely Hot	520,000

B-WinStar Farm (KY)

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CLXXX

Purchased by SF Bloodstock/Starlight West

WinStar acquired this SW & MGSP dam for \$250,000 in foal to Bodemeister at FTKNOV in 2014, and, after slipping that foal, the mare produced a Malibu Moon colt that fetched \$275,000 from Ruis Racing at this sale 12 months ago.

322	colt	Street Sense	Queenofperfection	600,000
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B-Siena Farm (KY)

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent for Siena Farm

Purchased by Marchmont Stable

Siena Farm offered Queenofperfection with this foal in utero at KEENOV in 2016, but elected to take the mare home when bidding stalled out at \$140,000. A half-sister to GSW Golden Hawk (Tapit) from the family of champion Speightstown, Queenofperfection delivered a Mshawish colt this year.

357	colt	Uncle Mo	Rubindy	625,000
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B-Bonne Chance Farm (KY)

Consigned by Gainesway, Agent XVI

Purchased by Phoenix Thoroughbreds

Rubindy, a half-sister to GSW Mo Tom (Uncle Mo), SW & MGISP Beautician (Dehere), MGSW Red Ruby (Tiznow) and SW Bella Castani (Big Brown), was snapped up by F.T.I for \$400,000 as a maiden mare at KEENOV in 2015. She foaled a colt by More Than Ready this season.

388	colt	Empire Maker	Seeinsbelieven	1,350,000
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B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds (KY)

Consigned by VanMeter-Gentry Sales, Agent XVII

Purchased by Phoenix Thoroughbreds

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423	filly	Honor Code	Smooth Performer	340,000
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B-Betz/Burns/CHNNHK/Lamantia/Magers/and CoCo/Ramsby (KY)

Consigned by Betz Thoroughbreds Inc., agent

Purchased by T McGreevy, Agent for Michael C Stinson

Smooth Performer was hammered down for \$95,000 in foal to Violence at KEENOV in 2014 and that foal was purchased for \$220,000 by Tom McGreevy on behalf of Fox Hill Farm at this event in 2016. An Into Mischief filly out of Smooth Performer was sold to Mike Ball for \$180,000 here last September. The mare dropped a filly by Animal Kingdom this term.

472	filly	Uncle Mo	Susie's Baby	775,000
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B-Diamond Creek Farm (KY)

Consigned by Gainesway, Agent LXI

Purchased by Godolphin

Susie's Baby (Giant's Causeway), a half-sister to champion Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), was led out unsold on a bid of \$475,000 when offered carrying this filly at FTKNOV in 2016. An American Pharoah half-brother to Caravaggio was sold to MV Magnier for \$1 million at KEEJAN and Susie's Baby foaled a filly by the Triple Crown hero this winter.

479	colt	Into Mischief	Sweet Tess	600,000
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B-Hinkle Farms (KY)

Consigned by Hinkle Farms

Purchased by SF Bloodstock LLC/Starlight West

Hinkle Farms acquired this stakes-placed dam (by Afleet Alex) for \$250,000 in foal to Candy Ride (Arg) at the 2015 KEENOV sale and sold that filly to Peter Brant's White Birch Farm for \$550,000 at last year's September sale. Sweet Tess produced a Union Rags colt this year.

493	filly	Curlin	Taste of Heaven (Aus)	625,000
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B-Elevage II (KY)

Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, Agent

Purchased by Justin Casse, Agent

On behalf of Hill 'n' Dale client Elevage II, Australian bloodstock agent went to A\$1.5 million (US\$1,389,000) for this filly's dam, a full-sister to G1SW Manhattan Rain (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and a half-sister to Redoute's Choice (Aus) (Danahill). The mare's first US-bred foal, a filly by Medaglia d'Oro, was purchased by Julian Blaxland's Blue Sky Bloodstock and Aquis Farm as a weanling at KEENOV in 2016.



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Hip 253: f, War Front--Often (Ire), by Galileo
Buyer: Crupi's New Castle
J. J. Crupi, agent
Price: \$400,000

"She was a strong filly that was well balanced and had a good walk. Looking at the pedigree, War Front and Galileo is a successful cross. Second dam Mariah's Storm is the dam of the late Giant's Causeway, and is also the grandam of European

champion and MG1SW Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Not listed on this filly's page is Marvellous (Ire), a full to to Gleneagles who won the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas. Decorated Knight (GB) (Galileo) is also from this family and was a Group 1 winner in England, Ireland and Dubai. That was a good price for a filly with that kind of pedigree."

once from four starts as a 4-year-old in 2018 and added a third-place finish in the GIII Prairie Meadows Cornhusker H. He was last seen finishing sixth over a rain-drenched track in the GI Whitney S. at Saratoga Aug. 4.

"Everyone gets excited when a horse is talented enough to do what they really shouldn't be able to do," said Airdrie's Bret Jones. "By anyone's definition, Ghostzapper is one of the best stallions in America, but McCracken remains the only graded stakes-winning 2-year-old son he's ever produced. Not only that, but he was a truly dominant, undefeated juvenile that could then train on to be a track-record setter and multiple graded-stakes winner at three. His record of six wins in seven starts at a mile and a sixteenth or less also demonstrates that he's got the miler speed and turn of foot that has been the signature of so many leading sires. We really believe he offers our breeders tremendous upside at a very reasonable stud fee for a beautifully bred, exceptionally talented horse that was a nose bob away from winning the GI Haskell."

McCraken is the second foal out of Ivory Empress, whose first foal, Bondurant (War Front), is also graded stakes-placed. Ivory Empress is out of the graded stakes winner and Grade I-placed Madame Pandit, who is also the dam of the Grade I winner Mea Domina. McCracken will stand for \$10,000 in 2019.

"McCraken was one of the most naturally talented horses I've ever been around and his turn of foot was second to none," said Wilkes. "He took the Witham family and our stable on a great ride and I look forward to training Grade I winners by him in the future."

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McCraken cont. from p1

He bounced out of that effort with a score in the GIII Matt Winn S. at Churchill, which he used as a springboard to a narrow runner-up finish behind Girvin (Tale of Ekati) in a thrilling renewal of the GI Betfair.com Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park.

Seventh in the GI Travers S. and third in Keeneland's GIII Fayette S. to round out his sophomore season, McCracken won



McCraken | *Coady photo*



FRANK CONVERSATION TO STAND AT ROCKRIDGE STUD

MGSW and MGISP **Frank Conversation** (Quality Road–Rushen Heat, by Unusual Heat) will enter stud at Rockridge Stud in Hudson, New York, beginning in 2019. Winner of the GII Twilight Derby and GIII El Camino Real Derby, Frank Conversation added a third-place finish in the GI Hollywood Derby during his sophomore season in 2016. He retires with earnings of \$520,965 and a record of 4-2-4 from 19 starts.

Frank Conversation’s dam, Rushen Heat, is a full-sister to GISWs Unusual Suspect and Golden Doc A.

Frank Conversation is currently located in Lexington and will be available for inspection throughout the duration of the Keeneland September Sale. For more information, contact Erin Robinson at 859-421-7531.

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FALL RACING PREVIEW EVENT TO BENEFIT GRAYSON-JOCKEY CLUB

Hagyard Equine Medical Institute will sponsor a fall racing preview at Tony’s of Lexington Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m., the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation announced Tuesday. The event will be hosted by Mike Penna and Jude Feld of Horse Racing Radio Network (HRRN).

Tickets for the event, which will cover top races across the country during the coming weekend, are available for \$50 each and include hors d’oeuvres and two drink tickets. All proceeds from the event will benefit Grayson. Due to space restraints, attendance will be capped at 50 people.

“Grayson-funded research has played a significant role in equine medicine for decades, and we use treatments based on this research on a daily basis,” said Dr. Luke Fallon, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. “We are happy to support a charity that helps us help our patients.”

“We are thankful for Hagyard’s sponsorship of this event and to Mike and Jude of Horse Racing Radio Network for hosting,” said Jamie Haydon, vice president of Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. “Through the Fall Racing Preview presented by Hagyard, we will be able to continue to fund essential equine health initiatives to aid all horses.”

Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

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FIRST OF SIX MEADOWLANDS CARDS CANCELLED

Due to heavy rain that has drenched New Jersey in recent days, and a forecast calling for additional precipitation heading into the weekend, Monmouth Park’s first card of racing at Meadowlands Racetrack this Friday has been cancelled, it was announced Tuesday. The “Monmouth at the Meadowlands” all-turf meet will now consist of just five programs--the first of which is scheduled to be held Saturday.

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OVER 350 HORSES COMPETED AT NEW VOCATIONS HORSE SHOW AND T.I.P. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Some 353 horses from 23 states competed in the fourth annual New Vocations All-Thoroughbred Charity Horse Show to compete in hunter, jumper, pleasure, dressage and western dressage disciplines. Held in conjunction with The Jockey Club’s Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.), the show gave horses the opportunity to perform and compete at the Kentucky Horse Park in the Rolex Stadium, Walnut Arena, Claiborne and Stonelea rings. Better than \$60,000 was raised to support New Vocations’ efforts to rehab, retrain and rehome retiring racehorses.

“This horse show grows each year, both in terms of attendance and support,” said Sarah Coleman, New Vocations’ Director of Public and Community Relations. “I feel very confidently that the creation of the Thoroughbred Incentive Program and our partnership on this show has people considering Thoroughbreds as their next show mount who may not have considered the breed before.”

“Combining our the T.I.P. Championship show with the New Vocations All-Thoroughbred Charity Show is an excellent way to showcase off-track Thoroughbreds,” said Kristin Werner Leshney, senior counsel for The Jockey Club and the administrator of T.I.P. “We had a lot of new faces as well as some horses that came back to defend their 2017 Championships.”

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 10</i>	12	25	7	12	2	4	279	93	3,927,635	11,844,301
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>						<i>Hawkbill</i>	
2	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 15</i>	8	15	5	8	2	4	177	53	770,000	4,988,728
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>						<i>Catholic Boy</i>	
3	War Front <i>(2002) by Danzig Crops: 9</i>	15	22	6	17	2	5	152	55	487,875	4,689,517
				<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000</i>						<i>U S Navy Flag</i>	
4	English Channel <i>(2002) by Smart Strike Crops: 8</i>	9	20	3	12	2	3	149	58	477,850	3,947,628
				<i>Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>						<i>Voodoo Song</i>	
5	Giant's Causeway <i>(1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 15</i>	8	12	5	7	1	1	154	42	675,974	3,664,216
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead)</i>						<i>Chief Whip</i>	
6	Quality Road <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 5</i>	4	7	2	3	1	1	94	31	665,000	2,207,689
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$70,000</i>						<i>Spring Quality</i>	
7	Declaration of War <i>(2009) by War Front Crops: 2</i>	5	8	4	5	1	1	103	37	429,150	1,501,050
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$25,000</i>						<i>Olmedo (Fr)</i>	
8	Value Plus <i>(2001) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 10</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	2	154,560	184,016
				<i>Stands: Strideaway Thoroughbreds BC Fee: 2,500</i>						<i>Long On Value</i>	
9	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8</i>	15	26	8	15	--	1	236	78	510,765	5,269,458
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead)</i>						<i>Mr Melody</i>	
10	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11</i>	5	16	3	7	--	1	124	33	241,647	2,836,731
				<i>Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: \$250,000</i>						<i>Zero Hedge (Aus)</i>	
11	The Factor <i>(2008) by War Front Crops: 3</i>	2	12	1	5	--	2	123	45	661,332	2,728,070
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: Private</i>						<i>Bound for Nowhere</i>	
12	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 11</i>	2	9	1	5	--	1	124	32	448,450	2,640,348
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$300,000</i>						<i>Synchrony</i>	
13	Blame <i>(2006) by Arch Crops: 5</i>	5	11	3	6	--	--	96	28	369,070	2,581,249
				<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$12,500</i>						<i>Maraud</i>	
14	Hard Spun <i>(2004) by Danzig Crops: 8</i>	2	5	1	2	--	--	113	36	460,015	2,288,896
				<i>Stands: Jonabell Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Promising Run</i>	
15	Stormy Atlantic <i>(1994) by Storm Cat Crops: 17</i>	3	7	2	6	--	4	86	24	325,360	2,130,391
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Stormy Liberal</i>	

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Parx Racing, \$45,750, Msw, 9-11, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.33, sy. XY SPEED (c, 2, First Samurai--Paloma P, by Any Given Saturday), a \$16,000 Keeneland September graduate turned \$125,000 OBS March buy after breezing a furlong in :10 flat, showed a steady series of five-panel drills at Monmouth for this unveiling, capped by a 1:01 1/5 (7/18) gate spin Sept. 2. Off as the 11-5 favorite, the bay broke alertly and dictated terms in the clear through a :22.03 quarter. Suddenly under siege from Jury Duty (Hard Spun) passing a :45.21 half, he dug in down the lane to repel that rival by one length. The winner has full-brothers of 2017 and 2018 and his dam visited his sire once again this spring. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Gelfenstein Farm & Albert & Michelle Crawford; B-Monticule (KY); T-Jorge Navarro.

2nd-Indiana Grand, \$31,000, Msw, 9-11, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:09.90, ft. EVIL GENIUS (f, 2, To Honor and Serve--Lesseroftwoevils, by Dixie Union) flashed speed in a 1:00 2/5 (6/34) five-furlong gate breeze here Aug. 11 and was made the 7-5 second choice in this debut. Pressing the pace from a close-up second through splits of :22.71 and :45.94, the dark bay was rebuffed by pacesetter Workaholic (Sky Mesa) past mid-stretch, but had that rival veer into his path at the sixteenth pole before finishing 4 1/2 lengths behind. Workaholic, after an inquiry, was disqualified and placed second, elevating Evil Genius into the win. Odds-on firster Stealing Sunshine (Eskendereya) made no impact as a well-beaten third. The victress shares a second dam, GSW Vegas Prospector (Crafty Prospector), with this spring's GI La Troienne S. heroine Salty (Quality Road). Sales History: \$11,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart. O-Sandra New; B-Kirt & Sarah Cahill (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.**



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Capo Bastone (Street Boss), Adena Springs, \$4,000
 14 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Indiana Grand, \$100K Hillsdale S., 6f, CRUMAN TAPOTE, 3-1

Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, \$12,500
 89 foals of racing age/11 winners/3 black-type winners
 6-Indiana Grand, \$100K City of Anderson S., 6f, CAN'T CROSSTRAFFIC, 15-1
 \$8,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$8,500 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Flashback (Tapit), Hill 'N' Dale Farms, \$7,500
 105 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Woodbine, Msw 1m, TRIPWIRE, 3-1
 \$75,000 FTK JUL yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), Jonabell Farm, \$35,000
 216 foals of racing age/43 winners/4 black-type winners
 3-Woodbine, Msw 1m, FIRST CRUSADER, 10-1
 3-Woodbine, Msw 1m, JUNGLE FIGHTER, 4-1

El Padrino (Pulpit), Northview PA, \$5,000
 115 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Penn National, Msw 6f, MAYDAY MAGIC, 8-1

Liaison (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000
 166 foals of racing age/38 winners/3 black-type winners
 6-Indiana Grand, \$100K City of Anderson S., 6f, IJUSTWANTAHAVEFUN, 8-1
 \$14,000 KEE JAN yrl; \$1,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$30,000 OBS APR 2yo

Morning Line (Tiznow), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
 134 foals of racing age/33 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Kentucky Downs, \$400K Exacta Systems Dueling Grounds Derby, 1 5/16mT, MORNING STRIDE, 10-1
 \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

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Orb (Malibu Moon), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000

195 foals of racing age/40 winners/3 black-type winners
 9-Kentucky Downs, \$400K Exacta Systems Dueling Grounds Derby, 1 5/16mT, ZERO GRAVITY, 20-1
 \$13,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$125,000 KEE SEP yrl

Overanalyze (Dixie Union), WinStar Farm, \$10,000

194 foals of racing age/58 winners/5 black-type winners
 8-Kentucky Downs, \$300K Fifth Third Insurance Dueling Grounds Oaks, 1 5/16mT, OVER THINKING, 12-1

Oxbow (Awesome Again), Calumet Farm, \$17,500

167 foals of racing age/33 winners/1 black-type winner
 2-Indiana Grand, Msw 6f, BASECAMP, 5-1



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Munhak Joy, c, 2, **Kitten's Joy**--Crimson Ore, by Exchange Rate. Seoul, 9-8, Hcp. (\$36k), 1500m. B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (KY). *Won by nine lengths as the 3-10 chalk to take his record to three wins and a second from four trips to the post. **\$19,000 RNA Ylg '17 OBSOCT. **VIDEO**

 **Another Yearling Graduate from Stuart Morris, Agent**

Gaon Queen, f, 2, **Uncle Mo**--Mulligatawny, by Crafty Prospector. Seoul, 9-9, Hcp. (\$67k), 1000m. B-St Elias Stables LLC (KY). *1ST START WIN. **\$55,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

Road Winner, c, 3, **Discreet Cat**--Princess Whinny, by Theatrical (Ire). Seoul, 9-9, Hcp. (\$133k), 1800m. B-Serendipity Farm (KY). *Won for the fourth time from six career appearances, scoring by three lengths as the 7-10 favorite. **\$13,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR. ***1/2 to Wireless Future (Scat Daddy), SP, \$242,853. **VIDEO**

IN PANAMA:

Capocostello, c, 2, **Cross Traffic**--Ad Litem, by Successful Appeal. Presidente Remon, 9-9, Cond., 1400m, 1:25 1/5. B-C Kidder & N Cole (KY). *Won by 5 1/2 lengths as the 1-5 favorite. **\$25,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$16,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

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Tri Thunder (Kor), g, 2, **Stay Thirsty**--Sweet Brandy, by Hennessy. Seoul, 9-8, Hcp. (\$53k), 1000m. B-Kim Jung Cheol. *1ST START WIN. **Won by five lengths as the 3-2 favorite. ***\$20,000 in utero '15 KEENOV. **VIDEO**



ADDITIONAL
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Parx Racing, \$49,500, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 9-11, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.88, sy.

ROCK AND FELLERS (ARG) (h, 5, Munnings--Ruled by Ruby, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-2, \$125,805. O-Juan Antonio Stables LLC.; B-Don Florentino (ARG); T-Jorge Navarro.

1st-Indiana Grand, \$37,500, (S), 9-11, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.40, ft.

ENTRUSTED (f, 3, Noble's Promise--Mor Trust, by Trust N Luck) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$114,434. O-Christine & Vince Cagle & Penny S. Lauer; B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer.



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5th-Thistledown, \$31,800, (S), 9-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:47.17, sy.
UCANTKEEPU (f, 3, Keep Up--Sheza Runaway Star {SP}, by Pride of Burkaan) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-3-1, \$89,238. O/T-Charlie J. Williams; B-Trail M Boarding & Guest Farm (OH). *\$22,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT.

4th-Thistledown, \$31,000, 9-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.95, sy.
PANAMANIAN (f, 4, Wilko--La Gaucha, by Seattle Fitz {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 25-8-4-3, \$161,896. O-Knights A to Z Racing LLC; B-Andy Stronach & Wally Pugh (OH); T-Valerie K. Shanyfelt. *\$10,000 Ylg '15 FTKFEB; \$3,700 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

IMAGINE...

7th-Louisiana Downs, \$22,090, 9-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.41, sy.
STRAWN'S CASH (g, 5, Primary Suspect--Robin's Milady, by Southern Forest) Lifetime Record: 25-4-3-3, \$85,923. O-Eddie Strawn & Don Cash; B-Eddie & Chris Strawn & Don & Ann Cash (AR); T-Al Cates.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wapiti Way, g, 2, Benny the Bull--Sextant, by Orientate. Presque Isle Downs, 9-10, 6f (AWT), 1:11.17. B-Clyde Rice (FL).
Merocketman, g, 2, Sangaree--Hoosier Sugar, by Article of Faith. Indiana Grand, 9-11, (S), 6f, 1:11.99. B-Herbert & Darlene Likens (IN).
Ethical Compliance, g, 3, In the Woods--Royally Sweet, by Sweetsouthernst. Presque Isle Downs, 9-10, (S), 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.14. B-Patricia Michele Cupstid Crews (PA).
Never Before, g, 3, Zip Quik--Go Sees, by Cozzene. Finger Lakes, 9-11, 1m 70y, 1:46.47. B-Robert Hanson (NY).

MUNNINGS, Rock and Fellers (Arg), h, 5, o/o Ruled by Ruby, by Carson City. AOC, 9-11, Parx Racing
NOBLE'S PROMISE, Entrusted, f, 3, o/o Mor Trust, by Trust N Luck. ALW, 9-11, Indiana Grand
PRIMARY SUSPECT, Strawn's Cash, g, 5, o/o Robin's Milady, by Southern Forest. ALW, 9-10, Louisiana Downs
SANGAREE, Merocketman, g, 2, o/o Hoosier Sugar, by Article of Faith. MSW, 9-11, Indiana Grand
TO HONOR AND SERVE, Evil Genius, f, 2, o/o Lesseroftwoevils, by Dixie Union. MSW, 9-11, Indiana Grand
WILKO, Panamian, f, 4, o/o La Gaucha, by Seattle Fitz (Arg). ALW, 9-11, Thistledown
ZIP QUIK, Never Before, g, 3, o/o Go Sees, by Cozzene. MSW, 9-11, Finger Lakes

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BENNY THE BULL, Wapiti Way, g, 2, o/o Sextant, by Orientate. MSW, 9-10, Presque Isle Downs
FIRST SAMURAI, Xy Speed, c, 2, o/o Paloma P, by Any Given Saturday. MSW, 9-11, Parx Racing
IN THE WOODS, Ethical Compliance, g, 3, o/o Royally Sweet, by Sweetsouthernst. MSW, 9-10, Presque Isle Downs
KEEP UP, Ucantkeepup, f, 3, o/o Sheza Runaway Star, by Pride of Burkaan. ALW, 9-11, Thistledown

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HARRINGTON HEADS NEW INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY



Trainer Jessica Harrington is part of a power-packed team for a new syndicate | *Racing Post*

by Daithi Harvey

With the minor matter of preparing Europe's best miler Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) for potentially her fifth Group 1 win in succession this Saturday in the Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron S., one would think that prospect would be monopolising the thoughts of her trainer Jessica Harrington. Far from it, as her multitasking abilities also include hatching and rolling out an exciting racing investment opportunity ahead of the yearling sales at Goffs and Tattersalls.

Harrington, in conjunction with her son-in-law Richie Galway, bloodstock agent Patrick Cooper and Elaine 'Legs' Lawlor are seeking investors to join them in acquiring a select team of yearlings to go to war with on the race course next year. The quartet, backed up by the trainer's daughters Emma and Kate, rightly believe that the international re-sale market for horses that show a high level of form in Ireland is too strong and too lucrative to ignore.

"We plan to buy approximately six yearlings with the aim of reselling them either during their 2-year-old year or if not by the end of their 3-year-old season," Harrington explained to the *TDN* at her kitchen table in Commonstown recently, in company with Galway, Cooper and Lawlor.

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ORDER OF ST GEORGE RETIRED

Multiple highweight and MG1SW **Order of St George (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire})--Another Storm, by Gone West) has been retired, *Racing Post* reported Tuesday afternoon. The 6-year-old entire was due to contest the G1 Irish St Leger on Sunday, but trainer Aidan O'Brien opted to call time on the three-time Group 1 winner's career.

"We've decided to retire Order of St George," O'Brien told *Racing Post*. We did not want to be greedy and risk him on Sunday. It's nothing serious, just age has caught up with him, and we thought it was the right thing to do for the horse."

Bred by Paget Bloodstock in Ireland and a \$550,000 Keeneland September yearling, Order of St George raced initially for Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Mrs. John Magnier, with G1 Melbourne Cup-winning owner Lloyd Williams buying in shortly before he started his 2016 season. [Cont. p4](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

WAR FRONT COLT TOPS KEESEP DAY TWO

A Hill 'n' Dale Sales-consigned son of War Front from a booming female family was hammered down to Coolmore's M V Magnier for \$2.4 million to top Tuesday's second session of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale in Lexington, KY. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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Harrington Heads New Investment Opportunity Cont. from p1

"We feel we have the team, the infrastructure and the track record in place to make this an attractive investment opportunity. Essentially we have always been a trading yard and that will continue to be the case. People know that horses are for sale here and at the moment it appears the best opportunity to trade horses is off the track. If someone has a 2- or 3-year old that can win or be placed in an Irish maiden there is a global market for that horse straight away," she said.

While Harrington as the designated trainer should fill would-be investors with confidence, having Patrick Cooper work closely with her in sourcing the yearlings should be no deterrent either. Cooper and his family have a long association with Harrington and her own family and while family associations are all well and good, agents must to be judged on the stock they have bought in the past and Cooper passes this test with honours.

The BBA Ireland agent is certainly popular among the Irish wing of the 'Its All About The Girls syndicate,' set up by Legs Lawlor following the success of the syndicate of the same name in Australia, which Lawlor is also instrumental in running. Cooper purchased two yearling fillies for the Irish all-female syndicate last year, namely the Harrington-trained pair Chicas Amigas (Ire) (Dragon Pulse {Ire}) and Sparkle'n'joy (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus}) for a combined total of €65,000. The fillies have won three races between them and over €50,000 in prize-money this summer with Chicas Amigas recently sold to carry the silks of Qatar Racing for a multiple of her €25,000 purchase price. Meanwhile Sparkle'n'joy will line up in the opening listed race for fillies at Leopardstown on Saturday. **Cont. p3**



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Harrington Heads New Investment Opportunity Cont.

"Patrick has proven his ability to find and purchase high-class horses that weren't overly expensive," offers Richie Galway, back full-time now with the home team following a long stint as racing manager at Punchestown Racecourse. Galway has an active role in the day-to-day running of Commonstown Stables and is no stranger to buying and selling bloodstock internationally himself through his association with former school pals David Cox and Ben McElroy.

"It's different, very different but I love it. I'm working for my mother-in-law, my sister-in-law and my wife, what could be better!" quipped Galway before adding, "Historically syndicates in Ireland tended to be about cheap horses owned by a large group of friends or colleagues to provide a fun day out. We're certainly hopeful of maintaining the fun element in the new syndicate but also to bring a commercial aspect to it, something I think is definitely achievable with the plan we have in place and the people we have in place to implement it."

Goffs director Legs Lawlor spends half the year in Australia where she is chief communicator to the syndicate members that race multiple Group 1 winner Global Glamour (Aus) (Star Witness {Aus}) and she is keen to expose owners in Europe to the level of communication that is considered the norm Down Under. "The information flow to the syndicate members is very important, the Australians do that so well and I plan to implement that same high level of communication with the members of the new syndicate."

The spirit of ownership is also something Lawlor has noticed in everyday life in Australia where the syndicate model is so prevalent and successful. "For example I go into a butcher shop and I overhear people saying, 'oh I've got a runner on Saturday,' and they may only own 2% of the horse but as far as they are concerned they are an owner and it's their horse," she explained. "Australian trainers are so professional in their communication both with the media and their owners and that follows through then with syndicate managers. It makes everyone feel involved and that is the approach we intend to take with the new partnership."

For the next month or so Cooper and Harrington will embrace the yearling sales with open minds over the type of yearlings they plan to buy for the syndicate. Both colts and fillies will be considered along with precocious and later-maturing types.

"Value is basically what we will be looking for and something that will ultimately have appeal to the international market. We think there will be gaps in the middle market this year that we can exploit to find some yearlings that Jessie and the team can add value to," Cooper said.



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Harrington Heads New Investment Opportunity Cont.

Finding people with a spare €50,000 and then persuading them to part with that cash for a high-risk investment is no easy task, especially when there are plenty of other syndicate models out there, but such is the belief the team have in their combined abilities that they are the first investors committed to the venture.

"We're looking at somewhere between 10 and 20 investors," Galway explained. "We will also be putting up our own money; the BBA through Patrick, Jessie, Legs and [husband] Peter and myself. I think that is important and it shows we are committed to making this work. We've set the bar at €50,000 per investor, though that figure can then be diluted by each individual investor as they choose."

Galway continued, "We do have clients who ask Jessie to buy them a yearling with a budget of say €50,000 and that's great and sole ownership suits some people better, but for the same outlay this venture offers the same amount of fun, excitement and involvement with the risk diluted among a number of horses. We'd hope that if we can acquire up to six yearlings for an average of approximately €100,000 each the chance of finding a proper horse is significantly higher. This isn't a new concept and there are other syndicates out there that are doing a great job but based on what I've seen the team do here I'd be confident that this one will be successful. With Patrick selecting, Jessie training and Legs communicating, I think the formula is there."

A third of the juveniles Harrington has run so far this year have won and several are already accomplished stakes performers with others such as the G1 Moyglare Stud S. bound Trethias (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) promising to follow suit. Between the exploits of Alpha Centauri, the achievements of her flat string in general and the fact that she has also reached the pinnacle in the world of jump racing through G1 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Sizing John (GB) (Midnight Legend {GB}), Harrington's stock has never been higher. And with at least 120 horses in training at any one time she is enjoying being a trainer now more than ever.

"I don't think we are doing anything much different," she said. "Luckily this year we have some very good horses and that is how it has developed. Training has its ups and downs but we are enjoying a great period at the moment and long may it continue.

While things are going well we have no intention of resting on our laurels at all. We want to continue to try and get better horses into the yard. We are an ambitious team and there is still a lot we want to achieve. For this new syndicate I want to foster a real sense of ownership, that each horse is theirs. We would love to attract some people who are new to racing or who have been involved in the past but for whatever reason have been out of the game for a while," Harrington said.

It is the rise and rise of the Jessica Harrington brand that Legs Lawlor feels will be the easiest sell when pitching for investors.

"Jessie's success has really captured the imagination across the world and to me she will be the unique selling point. She has become a global name in racing and I think people will want to become part of that success," she said.

Galway is in a unique position to chart the relentless rise in the stable's powers and contributes a lot of the growth to overseas owners and breeders. "The

growth I have seen in this place in the last five years is huge. We have a lot of international owners, people like the Niarchos family, Jon Kelly, Bob Edwards of e5 Racing, Ms. Patino, Nick Brady, etc., and I would hope that we can attract more overseas people into the syndicate."

However it is Patrick Cooper who sums up the new venture the most simplistically as he said, "We need to get better horses, I mean they aren't getting any slower down in Ballydoyle are they, so if we want to continue to compete with the best we have to improve the standard of horse here."

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Order of St George Retired Cont. from p1

Order of St George scored in two editions of the G1 Irish St Leger and once in the G1 Gold Cup. Highweighted in Europe at 14 furlongs and above from three to five, the Ballydoyle runner was also second in the 2016 Irish St Leger and third in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe behind stablemates Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). **Cont. p5**

Order of St George Retired Cont.

In 2017, the then 5-year-old played bridesmaid in the Gold Cup and claimed his second St Leger victory, with a fourth in the Arc prior to his 2017 finale, a win in the G2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup. Once again Europe's top stayer, with a highweight title in Ireland from 11-14 furlongs to boot, Order of St George landed the G3 Vintage Crop S. to kick off 2018 in April and won a listed race at Leopardstown in May before a dour fourth in the G1 Gold Cup. He earned \$2,821,488 with a mark of 25-13-6-1.

Added O'Brien, "Order of St George was an incredible horse. He was a big, strong animal who was always very clean-winded. He was an incredible stayer but had the class to be competitive in an Arc. He was versatile both in terms of ground and trip."

Order of St George is a half-brother to French Group 3 winner Asperity (War Chant), Swedish SW Sehoj (Menifee) and Grade III heroine Angel Terrace (Ghostzapper), as well as a full to the Australian Group 3 placed Kellstorm (Ire). His second dam is U.S. champion juvenile filly Storm Song (Summer Squall), who was also a two-time Grade I winner, including the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. He will stand as a National Hunt stallion for Coolmore in 2019. [\(Click here to return to p1\)](#)

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YES TO NO NAY NEVER AT ASCOT

By Emma Berry and Alayna Cullen

With fewer of their number in a position to buy on spec these days, the old concept of a 'trainers' sale' has lost its way somewhat, through there were signs of a revival at the Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale.

On the buyers' list where one would normally see a proliferation of agents, there was also a wide range of trainers. The pedigrees may not be top-drawer but it will be surprising indeed if some decent individuals don't arise from the sale having been bought at what will look to be bargain prices, especially when set against trade on the other side of the Atlantic this week.

Compared to what we've seen so far in Europe this season, at its level the sale certainly held its own. The aggregate rose, as one would expect with a near 30% increase in the number of yearlings catalogued, and with 111 of the 153 yearlings sold for a marginally reduced clearance rate of 73%, the day's takings came in at £1,096,000. The median of £7,000 remained the same as last year and the average improved by 7% to £9,874.

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Order of St George on QIPCO British Champions Day in 2017. | [Racingfotos.com](#)



Anthony Bromley | *Tattersalls Ascot*

Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale Cont.

The sale served its purpose, to offer an outlet for an increasing number of yearlings in search of a sales berth, but there's no disguising the fact that those selling outside the top 10 will mostly have been traded at a loss if being sold by their breeders.

Alan King may be more synonymous with jump racing but he has an enviably good strike-rate with his Flat runners and has been more prominent at breeze-up and yearling sales of late. The Barbury Castle-based trainer was persuaded to make the journey up the M4 to Ascot by his regular sales-ring ally, Anthony Bromley of Highflyer Bloodstock, who had done his homework and had his sights set on a colt he felt "walked for Ireland."

That distinction was because he was offered by Wexford's Peter Nolan--like King and Bromley another face more commonly seen in jumping circles but who is increasing his Flat sales work--on behalf of his breeders Geoff and Sandra Turnbull of Elwick Stud.

That the top and joint-second-top lots of the sale were by leading first-season sire No Nay Never was perhaps no surprise and the leading colt, **lot 84**, had also recently enjoyed a decent update courtesy of the victory of his 2-year-old half-sister Bandola (Ire) (Requinto {Ire}).

After signing the sheet for £46,000 for the second foal of the four-time winner Duchess Of Gazeley (Ire) (Halling), Bromley said, "We've got Just In Time (GB) out of the second dam [Flying Finish] who has now won five races and is Cesarewitch-bound, and he's rated 94. We've had good luck with the family and the mare's first foal won a 2-year-old race the other day so that's an interesting update."

The agent continued, "The dam was alright and No Nay Never

can do no wrong. We thought he'd go close to topping the sale as basically he walks for Ireland. I rang Alan last night and said we'd have to dig a little bit for him. So it was a good price but the sire is absolutely flying and this is a really athletic horse. We're really pleased to get him but we were at the end of the budget at that. He doesn't necessarily have to be an early 2-year-old for Alan but he'll be a Flat horse and we'll see how he develops."

The only other No Nay Never yearling in the catalogue was **lot 45**, a filly out of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas runner-up Amethyst (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), herself a sister to G1 2000 Guineas winner King Of Kings (Ire). Consigned by Jamie Railton, she brought the hammer down at £42,000 to a bid from Billy Jackson-Stops.

"She's strong, and obviously No Nay Never is really firing," said the young agent, who was acting on behalf of Al Rabban Racing, which has two horses in training in Newmarket with Sir Michael Stoute and George Scott.

"She's from a good family. The mare's a bit older but she's produced some nice horses along the way and hopefully this sire can pick her back up again. This filly should be quick."

While the trainer is yet to be decided for the No Nay Never filly, Richard Hannon will take charge of the Dandy Man (Ire) filly (**lot 102**) who also sold for £42,000 via Trickledown Stud to Ross Doyle.

"I thought she was the best physical in the sale," Doyle said of the daughter of the treble winner and black-type earner in England and America, Hucking Hot (GB) (Desert Prince {Ire}). "The mare was a quick horse and she should be quick too. She's a great walker and we've bought a Dark Angel filly from the family before. She's been bought for Richard Hannon on spec so he'll be looking for an owner for her." **Cont. p7**



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TATTERSALLS ASCOT YEARLING SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2018	2017
• Catalogued	163	126
• Number Offered	153	114
• Number Sold	111	85
• Not Sold	42	29
• Clearance Rate	73%	75%
• High Price	£46,000	£47,000
• Gross	£1,096,000	£787,500
• Average (% change)	£9,874 (+6.6%)	£9,265
• Median (% change)	£7,000	£7,000

Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale Cont.

Of the breeze-up pinhookers in operation at the sale, Thomond O'Mara of Knockanglass Stables went to £40,000 for **lot 89**, a colt by Dutch Art (GB) out of the juvenile winner Expect (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The mare's half-brother Don't Touch (GB) was a seven-time winner up to listed level and is also by the Cheveley Park Stud stallion.

Jamie Osborne candidly admitted to "avoiding" the first crop of Bungle Inthejungle (GB), who now leads the freshman sires' table by number of individual winners, and the trainer said with a grin, "That was a bit silly, wasn't it?" But Osborne compensated for this oversight by bidding £36,000 with Federico Barberini for **lot 121**, a filly from the stallion's second crop out of the dual juvenile winner Lucky Leigh (GB) (Piccolo {GB}).

Having bought the half-sister to 10-time winner and listed-placed Something Lucky (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}) on spec from the Rathasker Stud draft, he added, "She was probably one of the stand-out physicals of the day for me. We know all about the sire. The dam was quick and she's bred a quick one, so she made a lot of sense."



Former jockeys Richard Hughes and Willie Carson in their new roles as buyer and vendor | Tattersalls Ascot

The G1 Caulfield Guineas winner Shooting To Win (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}) shuttled for just one season to Darley's Kildangan Stud and a member of that solitary Northern Hemisphere crop (**lot 46**) provided one of the early highlights of the sale when selling to David and Nicola Barron of Harrowgate Bloodstock for £30,000.

"We had an order for a racy 2-year-old type and we don't know anything about Shooting To Win but this colt was just a really nice, strong horse," said Nicola Barron, who is assistant

trainer to her father David at his North Yorkshire stable. She added, "He seemed like he was very honest when we watched him walk round the ring."

Harrowgate Bloodstock was the sale's leading buyer with three purchased for £69,000, including a colt by another Darley freshman shuttler Brazen Beau (Aus). **Lot 127**, a half-brother to treble winner Icart Point (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}) and from the family of classy stayer The Geezer (GB), was sold by Owdeswell Stud for breeder Springfield Farm Partnership for £32,000.

Reflecting on Ascot's sole dedicated yearling sale, Sales Director Richard Pugh said, "We are very pleased with the progression of the Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale. Only in its second year, the sale has developed a reputation as a creditable choice for both selling and purchasing yearlings. This was evident from the vendors who chose the sale to offer their consignments along with the much increased number of trainers and agents who were present and active over the last two days. It is fair to acknowledge that the market remains selective and there has been plenty of demand for the choice lots."

He continued, "We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our clients who have helped to develop a platform for this sale. As the focus continues on developing and progressing Tattersalls Ascot Sales, we now turn our attention to the Ascot November Sale along with the continued promotion of our Breeze-up Sale which has been enhanced by the £100,000 Royal Ascot Bonus."

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BLUE POINT OUT OF FLYING FIVE

Godolphin's G1 King's Stand S. winner **Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal) will bypass Sunday's G1 Flying Five S. at The Curragh after scoping dirty. The 4-year-old '**TDN Rising Star**', who was last seen finishing third in the G1 Nunthorpe S. on Aug. 24, will be rerouted to the G1 British Champions Sprint on Oct. 20.

"He scoped dirty, which is unfortunate, but we look ahead now to British Champions Day at Ascot, where he has an entry in the Group 1 sprint over six furlongs," said trainer Charlie Appleby.

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TRIO OF WINNERS ADDED TO GOFFS CHAMPIONS SALE



Shatharaat | *Racing Post*

The one-day Goffs Champions Sale, scheduled for Leopardstown prior to racing on Sept. 15, gained three more winners to bring its catalogue to nine, the sales company announced on Tuesday. Meadowview Stables consigns **Check My Pulse (Ire)** (lot 7), who won at second asking over 6 1/2 furlongs at Listowel on Monday. The son of Dragon Pulse (Ire) is out of the placed mare Little Luxury (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) and is from the family of listed winner Super Coach (GB) (Lucky Story). The juvenile is joined by **Dark Pursuit (GB)** (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) (lot 8) from the draft of M. D. O'Callaghan Racing. Out of the winning Ogre (Tale of the Cat), herself a daughter of MSW Sovereign Lady (Aloha Prospector), the 2-year-old gelding scored in a seven-furlong maiden at Down Royal last Friday. Rounding out the threesome is 3-year-old colt, **Shatharaat (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) (lot 9). A half-brother to G3 Sweet Solera S. heroine Nations Alexander (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and out of a half-sister to GSW & MG1SP Always Hopeful (GB) (Mind Games {GB}), the second out Sept. 10 Listowel maiden winner hails from the consignment of Stragrane House Stables.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, Sept. 12:

UNITED KINGDOM:

Australia (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
125 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
15:10-CARLISLE, 7.75f, FRASER ISLAND (Ire)

€130,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearlings 2017 (FR)

Charm Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bonneval
105 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
14:35-CARLISLE, 6f, MAYFAIR SPIRIT (Ire)
37,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; 42,000gns RNA
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2
18:15-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, STELLAR COMET (Ire)
16,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 2

Coach House (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bucklands Farm & Stud (GB)
76 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
14:35-CARLISLE, 6f, FURYAN (GB)
12,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; 10,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 3; £15,000 RNA
Goffs UK Doncaster 2yo Breeze-Up Sale 2018

Gregorian (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}), National Stud
85 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
15:10-CARLISLE, 7.75f, CRYSTAL TIARA (GB)
2,800gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016

Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}), Kildangan Stud
99 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
14:25-DONCASTER, 7f, HESSLEWOOD (Ire)
35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2017 - Book 1
15:45-CARLISLE, 6f, WAR TIGRESS (Ire)
€80,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2017

War Command (War Front), Coolmore Stud
112 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
13:50-DONCASTER, 6f, WALKMAN (Ire)
£95,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

FRANCE:

Anodin (Ire) (Anabaa), Haras du Quesnay
102 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
4-PARISLONGCHAMP, 1400m, NEW SEELAND (Fr)
€56,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2017
3-TOULOUSE, 1400m, AVOJEUX (Fr)
€1,500 RNA Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2017
4-TOULOUSE, 1600m, ROCQUEMONT (Fr)
€23,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2016; €60,000
Arqana Deauville v2 August Yearlings 2017

Battle of Marengo (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Ballyhane Stud
67 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
4-PARISLONGCHAMP, 1400m, JOJO (Ire)
£15,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

Garswood (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud
74 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
3-TOULOUSE, 1400m, KANNON (Fr)
€28,000 Arqana Deauville v2 August Yearlings 2017



Anodin has three runners in France on Wednesday | *Quesnay*

First-Season Sires With Runners Cont.

Olympic Glory (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot
119 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
5-PARISLONGCHAMP, 1400m, INDE (Fr)

War Command (War Front), Coolmore Stud
112 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
4-TOULOUSE, 1600m, ATHENA STAR (GB)

BRITAIN



Tuesday's Results:

1st-Leicester, £10,000, Cond, 9-11, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:23.47, g/f.
CANTON QUEEN (IRE) (f, 2, **Shamardal**--Hana Lina {GB}, by **Oasis Dream {GB}**), who posted an Aug. 24 debut eighth tackling this trip at Newmarket last time, recovered from an early bump and was handily placed throughout this one. Nudged along passing the two pole, the 16-1 chance drifted right when seizing control approaching the final eighth and was ridden out to prevail by 2 1/4 lengths from Orchid Star (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Half-sister to a yearling colt by Teofilo (Ire) and a filly foal by Iffraaj (GB), she is the first foal produced by a half-sister to MG1SP G2 Lowther S. and G2 Diadem S. heroine Lady of the Desert (Rahy), who in turn is the dam of G2 Lowther S. victress Queen Kindly (GB) (Frankel {GB}). The bay's second dam is G1 Cheveley Park S.-winning European champion Queen's Logic (Ire) (Grand Lodge), herself kin to four black-type performers headed by European Horse of the Year and MG1SW sire Dylan Thomas (Ire) (Danehill) and G1 1000 Guineas winner Homecoming Queen (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). Sales history: 110,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,426. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Rockcliffe Stud; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Richard Hannon.

6th-Leicester, £10,000, Cond, 9-11, 2yo, 8f 53yT, 1:44.46, g/f.
DESERT FRIEND (IRE) (c, 2, **Universal {Ire}**--**Assabiyya {Ire}**, by **Cape Cross {Ire}**), sent off the 6-4 favourite, tanked his way to the lead after a furlong. Extending from the quarter pole, the chestnut belied greenness to score by 4 1/2 lengths from Brasca (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}). The dam is a daughter of the GII Orchid H., GII Long Island H. and dual GII La Prevoyante H. winner Coretta (Ire) (Caerleon) who was also runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf and GI Flower Bowl Invitational H. Connected to Barathea (Ire), she also has a yearling filly by Night of Thunder (Ire) and a filly foal by Pivotal (GB). Sales history: 11,000gns RNA Ylg '17 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,426. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Mr Abdullah Menahi; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Leicester, £15,000, Cond, 9-11, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:00.05, g/f.
EQUILATERAL (GB) (c, 3, **Equiano {Fr}**--**Tarentaise {GB}**, by **Oasis Dream {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$21,111. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Charles Hills.

1st-Catterick, £7,400, Cond, 9-11, 2yo, 5f 212yT, 1:14.22, gd.
PRINCE ELZAAM (IRE) (c, 2, **Elzaam {Aus}**--**Emmas Princess {Ire}**, by **Bahhare**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$18,133. O-York Thoroughbred Racing; B-Pier House Stud (IRE); T-David O'Meara. *£5,000 Ylg '17 GOUKPR; 15,000gns 2yo '18 TATHIT.

FRANCE



Tuesday's Results:

GRAND PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-Listed, €48,000, Fontainebleau, 9-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 10fT, 1:59, g/s.
1--DYNAMIC (GB), 123, f, 4, by Teofilo (Ire)--White Cay (GB), by Dalakhani (Ire).
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (160,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT).
O-Michael & Mrs Michelle Morris; B-W&R Barnett Ltd (GB); T-William Haggas; J-loritz Mendizabal. €24,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-1, €58,395. *1/2 to Cay Dancer (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), GSP-US, \$117,423.
2--Baltic Duchess (Ire), 123, f, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Born Wild (Ger), by Sadler's Wells. O-Gestut Ammerland. €9,600.
3--Rondonia (Ire), 123, f, 4, Raven's Pass--Raydiya (Ire), by Marju (Ire). O-H H The Aga Khan. €7,200.
Margins: 1HF, SNK, SHD. Odds: 8.10, 5.70, 3.30.
Also Ran: Garopaba (Ire), Nisreen (Ire), Haggie (GB), Dubai Dunes (GB). Scratched: Gaining (GB).

Listed Grand Prix de Fontainebleau Cont.

Brought along tenderly last term, Dynamic captured a maiden and handicap over a mile at Newmarket and regained the winning thread at Musselburgh June 2. Fourth back at Newmarket June 30 and eighth in the Listed Dick Hern S. at Haydock Aug. 11, the bay shaped here as if a step up to a mile and a quarter was what she has needed for some time. Switched off towards the back early, she was sent nearer the pace at halfway and was in front passing the quarter pole. Hanging to the left soon after as loritz Mendizabal posed the serious questions, she nevertheless asserted her superiority close home for a first black-type success. The dam, who produced the GIII Bewitch S. runner-up Cay Dancer and also has a colt foal by Teofilo (Ire), is a half to the G1 Coronation S. winner Balisada (GB) (Kris {GB}) and a granddaughter of the matriarch On Show (GB) (Welsh Pageant {Fr}). Under her auspices are a clutch of top-level performers headed by the likes of Inchinor (GB) (Ahoonora {GB}), Miss Keller (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and this year's G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. and G1 Prince of Wales's S. hero Poet's Word (Ire) (Poet's Voice {GB}). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Fontainebleau, €35,000, Cond, 9-11, 3yo, 6fT, 1:06.90, g/s. LEONIO (FR) (c, 3, Myboycharlie {Ire}--Katelyns Kiss, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr & Ity, 10-3-3-1, €72,318. O-Genets SRL; B-Select Bloodstock Ltd (FR); T-Andrea Marcialis. *€18,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kalahana (Fr), f, 3, Dawn Approach (Ire)--Kasatana (Ire), by Hernando (Fr). Chateaubriant, 9-11, 13fT, 2:56.39. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR). *1/2 to Kesampour (Fr) (King's Best), GSW-Fr & GSP-Aus, \$346,716.

Version Toujours (Fr), f, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Version Originale (Fr), by Poliglote (GB). Chateaubriant, 9-11, 9f 165yT, 2:02.54. B-Haras d'Haspel (FR).

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Sept. 22	Sir Rupert Clarke S.	Caulfield
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AUSSIES ABROAD: Q&A WITH BEN HENLEY



Ben Henley | Vicky Leonard

by Bren O'Brien

TDN AusNZ's Bren O'Brien recently caught up with Australian Ben Henley, who has been working in the American Thoroughbred heartland of Kentucky for over a decade. Not even 40 yet, Ben holds the position of general manager at the historic Airdrie Stud.

BO'B: Ben, you are coming up on 10 years at Airdrie Stud and 10 years in Kentucky. What's been the biggest change you have noticed in that time?

Ben Henley: I think the game has become so much more global now. Elite racing at an international level is what a lot of the big stables are aiming to do. It is so common now to see trainers shipping all over the world competing at these big carnivals. It wasn't that long ago that Dermot Weld and Paul Perry were pioneering the way and showing people you could ship across the globe and not only compete but win at the highest level.

Partnership and syndicates have become very popular recently here in the States. As Cot Campbell foresaw up here, they are a great way to introduce people to racing and get their feet wet in the business. There are a lot of individual owners that got started in a syndicate before going out on their own.

BO'B: Working as general manager for a busy stud, what does your typical day look like?

BH: Mornings are spent out on the farm meeting with our terrific managers about various projects and any issues with the horses. We currently have about 400 horses on the farm so there is always something going on. Afternoons are spent in the office.

BO'B: To have achieved as much as you have having not even reached 40 yet, you must have had some great mentors along the way? Talk us through the two or three people who have shaped your career most.

BH: Brereton Jones has been a huge influence on my career. I arrived in the USA in 2006 as a stallion groom who really did not have much of a grasp of the business side of the industry. He has taught me a ton about the business side of running a farm like Airdrie. As someone who did not go to university to learn these things, I really needed to find some great mentors who would take me under their wing and give me that opportunity to learn the necessary skills to succeed in our business.

Anne Raymond (Sledmere Stud) was my first boss. She taught me about hard work and some great animal husbandry skills. Anne used to mix her own feeds back in the day. Just about every horse had an individually hand-crafted meal each day. This kind of attention to detail is a great trait to carry with you.

Peter Orton is still a close friend. Not only is he one of the greatest horsemen I have been around, he was a lot of fun to work with. He has always been great at keeping my ego in check. [Cont. p2](#)

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Ben Henley



Henley at the Airdrie Stud consignment | Vicky Leonard

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BO'B: What was it that Governor and Mrs. Jones saw in you do you think to give you the opportunity to run such an important asset for them?

BH: I'm still scratching my head trying to figure that one out. I think that there is a lot of trust in our relationship. They were very quick to make me feel like I was part of the family, which was a great confidence builder. I also have a close relationship with their son Bret who is fully involved with running the farm. I think they saw how well Bret and I worked together and thought we could make a pretty good team to take the farm forward.

BO'B: What do you feel the major difference is between how the industry works in Kentucky and what goes on back here in Australia?

BH: From a farming point of view, the climate is a lot different, we have very harsh winters in KY (down to -20 Celsius) and very high rainfall (50 inches a year). To cope with the winters, you need to have a lot more infrastructure to house the horses when the weather is bad. We also need a lot more staff to take care of the horses. Finding great staff that want to work six days a week in extreme conditions is the biggest challenge the industry is facing right now.

BO'B: Are there many Aussies in the local breeding industry over there?

BH: We actually have three fabulous Aussies here at Airdrie that predate my arrival. Mark Cunningham has been our farm manager for 30 years, (he is from Adelaide). One of our broodmare managers Charlie Osborne (Kurri Kurri) has been here 20 years and Belinda Locke (Gold Coast) our assistant yearling manager has been here for 15 years.

Byron Rogers is also well known at home through his days at Arrowfield Stud, he has True Nicks and Performance Genetics up here. Jamie Frost has his own broodmare operation here in Lexington. Craig Brogden runs Machmer Hall with his lovely wife Carrie. They bred and raised a filly called Tepin who, as you know a few years ago, went on to win at Royal Ascot. I know that was a very proud moment for Craig and a great achievement for a young fella from Australia.

BO'B: For those back in Australia who follow the American industry closely, who are the stallions at Airdrie you are most excited about at the moment?

BH: Creative Cause is the current 2018 leading third-crop sire in America, he seems to be able to do it all, siring dirt, turf, sprinting and staying stakes winners. He was probably outside the top five in terms of mare quality and book size when this group went to stud, so its very exciting seeing him outperforming his more fancied rivals.

Cairo Prince is currently second on the first-crop list. His progeny would not be expected to be doing too much early in the season. They are bred and look more like the Classic distances will be their strength. He has already had seven winners and is starting to really heat up. He is coming off a phenomenal first-crop yearling year where he had 75 yearlings average \$150,000 off a \$10,000 stud fee. So the expectations are high but we feel he is placed to be a really important sire down the road. **Cont. p3**



Creative Cause | EquiSport Photos

TDN Q&A With Ben Henley Cont.**BO'B: What's next for you? Are there longer-term goals?**

BH: My focus at the moment is to keep Airdrie Stud moving forward and build of the wonderful foundation laid by Mr. & Mrs. Jones and our recently retired general manager Tim Thornton. We need to be continually reinvesting in bloodstock and our infrastructure here on the farm.

BO'B: It's a long time to be away from Australia. What do you miss most about home?

BH: That's easy, firstly my family and friends. Everyone is having kids now so it's tough not being around them and watching them grow up. A close second would be Aussie racing. It's hard to keep up properly with the industry when you only watch replays on a Saturday morning.



Henley at Keeneland | Vicky Leonard

BO'B: Finally, you have been lucky enough to turn your passion for Thoroughbreds into a successful career which has taken you across the world. What advice would you give a 16-year-old these days trying to get a start in the industry?

BH: Get as much experience as you can in all aspects of the industry and meet as many people as you can. Don't get to caught up initially in specializing in one area. Once you have spent six or seven years getting this experience, you can then move on into managerial roles, you will be stronger later on if you have that experience to draw from.

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