



## HUMPHREY A CONSTANT FRIEND TO RACING



G. Watts Humphrey, Jr. | Coady photo

by Chris McGrath

His name runs like a seam of silver through the daily annals of the sport--an understated, patient presence to contrast with the brash, fleeting meteors among rival stables. Last weekend was typical: G. Watts Humphrey, Jr. was listed as co-breeder of Dabster (Curlin), who ran Battle Of Midway (Smart Strike) to a neck in the GIII Native Diver S. at Del Mar Sunday; and as owner of High Regard (Will Take Charge), third in the GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill the previous day.

True, the most exciting animal lately through his hands appears destined to benefit only his reputation, rather than his pocket. Humphrey co-bred Improbable (City Zip), who is due to test his status among the leading juveniles in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity S. this weekend, but unfortunately culled the dam five minutes after selling him as a weanling. But then, however little Humphrey's pocket might need a boost--relatively speaking, at any rate--then his reputation would need one even less.

Humphrey is one of the pillars of the modern American Turf. Until stepping down as chairman in the spring, he had served for more than 20 years on the board of Churchill Downs, Inc.

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by Dean A. Hoffman

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That's the message that Richard McGuire, Executive Chairman of Sports Tech PLC, delivered to attendees at the Global Symposium on Racing in Tucson on Wednesday.

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*"It, of course, narrows down to the two horses, Accelerate and Justify. You often wonder if you put them head-to-head what would happen? My second thought on it is, how great of an accomplishment did each one of them have? What impact did each one of them have? When you talk about Horse of the Year you shouldn't have to ever explain it." Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas weighs in on the Horse of the Year debate.*

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### Humphrey cont. from p1

He is a director of the Keeneland Association, has held multiple senior positions at the Breeders' Cup, and served four terms as a Steward of The Jockey Club. The alphabet soup goes on--the NTRA, the American Horse Council--and far beyond racing, too: back in Pittsburgh, for instance, from the university to the symphony orchestra.

All this, of course, simply reflects those principles of public service long recognized by patricians as integral to privilege. "I think all of us involved in the horse business are obligated to try and look to its best interests," Humphrey says with a shrug. "Some people would rather be in the racing side, on racetrack boards, some in breeding organizations, but all of us should give our time and hopefully some wisdom.

"If you look at other sports--football has done it, soccer has done it--they've recognized it's about entertainment, about the experience, and that state-of-the-art facilities are required as a result. That's what they've done at Newmarket and Ascot, or in this country at Churchill Downs. Better experience turns into higher attendance, that turns into higher pools and it's the betting that drives the whole engine. But as well as rebuilding our fan base, we have to get new owners into the business. And I think the partnerships are doing a very good job about that, offering excitement and hopefully success without the managerial responsibility."

Needless to say, Humphrey also has to meet a more literal price for his passions. As such, all those responsibilities on the Turf have been embraced alongside a lifetime at the helm of various industrial and investment enterprises. Certainly the scrupulous modesty of his bearing, combined with the quietness of his tone, gives no indication of the breadth of his accomplishment.

Sure, it is well known that Humphrey--as a partner in the team--saw his St. Louis Cardinals win the 2011 World Series the day before he finished Keeneland's fall meet as leading owner. But how many people know that he was the quarterback of the Yale football team and, after joining the Marine Corps on graduation in 1966, was ultimately awarded three Purple Hearts, a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and a Navy Commendation Medal as a first lieutenant in Vietnam?

One thing you can guarantee: among those who do know, none will have discovered as much from Humphrey himself. "I started off as a platoon commander, and one day you became the company commander because you were the last one left!" he says, in wry effacement of his military record.

Neither Humphrey's natural authority in the field, nor the sense of duty he has manifested in a private capacity since, can be considered the slightest surprise in view of his pedigree--his grandfather George M. Humphrey having served as Secretary of



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the Treasury under Eisenhower. But besides that willingness to serve, and a certain physical resemblance, there would be another very important legacy.

"It was my grandfather who really got me interested in racehorses," Humphrey explains. "In fact, he took me to Saratoga for the first time when I was seven years old. We were very close and I spent quite a bit of time with him in Washington, and we'd go out to the farms in Virginia and, because my grandmother wasn't that interested, to the races."

Back in rural Ohio, his own household had been more oriented to show horses and foxhunters; but his aunt, Pansy Poe, had bought Shawnee Farm in Kentucky in 1939, and after the war, began to broaden the family foothold in Thoroughbreds. After Secretary Humphrey left Washington in 1957, moreover, he bought Whileaway Farm and began to assemble what became a highly influential band of broodmares.

He died in 1970, bequeathing his grandson a first broodmare. Having just graduated from the Harvard Business School, Humphrey came to assist Pansy Poe in running Shawnee while beginning to race a few with his close friend Will Farish of Lane's End. On Pansy's death in 1978, Humphrey bought Shawnee from her estate and began developing his own stock, in partnership with his mother; another aunt, Pamela Firman; Farish; and Brereton Jones of Airdrie.

Another important mentor was Paul Mellon, who had been a close friend of Secretary Humphrey. As Humphrey started out, Mellon told him: "The only thing I can tell you about breeding that you may not already know is to be sure you don't end up drowning in your own blood."

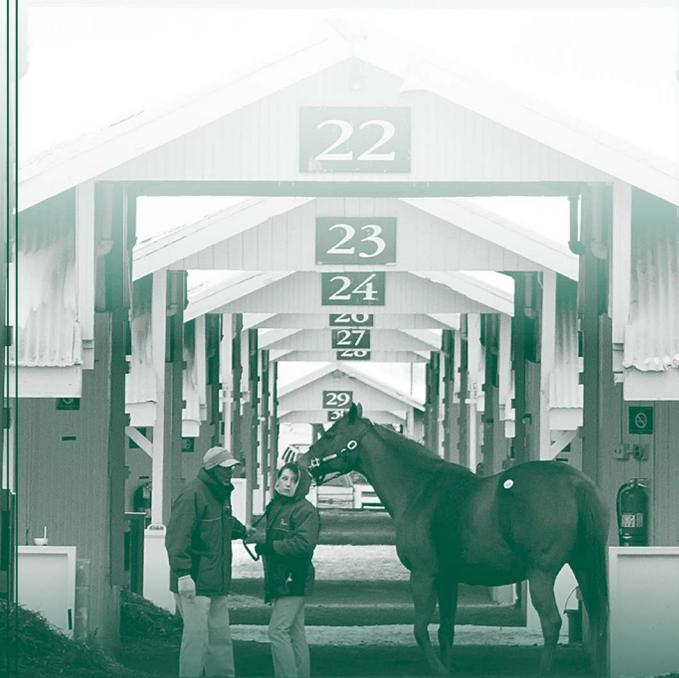
In other words, as Humphrey clarifies: "Don't wake up and find out you have a whole bunch of half-sisters to six winners that aren't stakes winners."

And that is the perennial balance he has sought to strike. In principle, the policy would otherwise be the standard one: race the fillies, sell the colts. Naturally, that doesn't always work out, and if, for instance, a colt of stallion potential fails to realize adequate value, Humphrey will try to get a racing partnership together. The other angle is to have a stake in maybe half the stallions they support, and he retains a strong relationship with Farish's team at Lane's End.

"I think you have to be on both sides," Humphrey says. "Each year, we're probably breeding 55 mares but selling 10, because the core broodmare band is about 45, taking us down to around 38 foals--and the way we've set up the farm over the years is to accommodate those kind of numbers. Obviously the foundation females, we'll retire and keep. But even the mares that have been very good to us, when we get to three or four fillies out of them, we'll probably sell either the mare or some of the daughters."

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Inevitably, that kind of pragmatism means that there will be the odd one that got away. Improbable's performance in the Street Sense S., on the Breeders' Cup undercard, left many wondering whether he might return to Churchill Downs next May. If so, Humphrey may come to regret allowing his dam Rare Event (A.P. Indy) to go to Calumet for \$150,000 when in foal to Quality Road at the Keeneland November Sale in 2016--immediately after the weanling Improbable himself was sold for \$110,000. But Rare Event had failed to muster any black-type and an enterprise on this scale needs its efficiencies.

"I think you need to have some sound business plan of what you're trying to do," Humphrey observes. "From the time I first owned horses with Will Farish, we tried to run it as a business: here's what the plan is, here's what we're trying to accomplish, and how are we doing against that? And just like anything in life, you measure how well you're doing against your goals. But I do



1980 Kentucky Derby winner Genuine Risk | Getty Images

think of it as a first love. You have to operate it as a business but it's really a sport for us, something enjoyed by our whole family and all our friends."

And the real joy, to that extent, is in developing families. Rare Event was a ship that passed in the night. Some of his stock, in contrast, extends to an eighth generation, lines developed by his own kin. Moreover, Humphrey's wife Sally has always been equally devoted to horses, while now their daughter Vicki Oliver trains for them as well.

Both Watts and Sally Humphrey, in fact, have bred a Classic winner. Genuine Risk, indeed, represented Sally's debut as a breeder when (very aptly, in the circumstances)

beating the boys in the 1980 Kentucky Derby.

"Sally would follow us around when we were buying yearlings, and one day said she'd like to have a mare of her own," recalls Humphrey. "So I said: 'Okay, for your 30th birthday I'll buy you a

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Five years later Humphrey himself was responsible (in partnership with Aunt Pamela) for Belmont winner Crème Fraiche. "She was out of Likely Exchange, who won the Grade I Delaware H.," Humphrey explains. "She was a wonderful mare we raced until she was seven; in fact she was carrying Crème Fraiche in her last race at Keeneland."

What made Likely Exchange so special was the fact the she was a great-granddaughter of a mare bought by Secretary Humphrey. Another of her foals to win at Grade I level was Dream Deal (Sharpen Up {GB})--in turn dam of Clear Mandate (Deputy Minister), a coast-to-coast achiever and also an important mare in her own right. She died in 2011 after delivering Strong Mandate (Tiznow), himself winner of the GI Hopeful S. and now standing at Three Chimneys.

"Clear Mandate was one of our favorite horses," Humphrey says. "She did something few mares have ever been able to do, winning Grade Is at a mile, a mile and an eighth, and a mile and a quarter. To me, that's how you judge a great horse: if they can win at seven-eighths when they're young, and then go through like that, it's an owner's dream."

Clear Mandate was trained by Humphrey's longstanding ally, George "Rusty" Arnold. "Rusty is not only a very good horseman

but a very good friend," Humphrey says. "He started training for us in 1991, almost 30 years ago now. His attention is always on the horse's best interests; he takes time to develop them, which is our style, too. For Rusty, it's not a numbers game. Some trainers maybe treat them all the same, and the ones that survive win under that regime. Our whole program is to develop each horse as an individual, to the utmost of their ability."

It is not just in his standards of horsemanship, however, that Humphrey belongs to the old school. As they say, you can take the boy out of the Marines but you can't take the Marines, out of the boy. And while reluctant to dwell on his military distinctions, Humphrey is too courteous to deny that Vietnam left its scars--both on the nation, and those who served there--and too immune to cynicism not to suggest the positives that could also be derived from the experience.

"I think the way I'd phrase it is that you learn to live with it,

but you never really get over it," he says of what he saw. "But probably the most important lesson the Marine Corps teaches you is teamwork. Everybody has to pull their oar, if you will. To contribute to the team. Some will lead; some will be the specialists; but everyone will be part of the team. And that's true in business, it's true in everything."

Humphrey duly applied this same philosophy in corporate life; even in labor relations. He has an interesting story about one of his steel enterprises in Pittsburgh, during a tough period for the industry in the mid-1980s: how the board resolved that the best way to prevent militant union action making the situation worse



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"So everybody was a salaried worker, from the janitor to the chairman," he explains. "There were no layoffs, we were in it together and we'd hold out. And there were some very interesting remuneration systems: bonuses were paid on a monthly basis, but everybody got it or nobody got it. And we decided what should be accomplished on a monthly basis, as well, as opposed to the eight-hour turns [used elsewhere] in the industry at that point, which didn't build teamwork. And the final piece of the puzzle: a profit-sharing plan. Again, on a monthly basis. And for the lowest person on the floor to earn the same dollar amount as the chairman.

"When business was down, sometimes for weeks, they'd be out painting the lines in the parking lot. But they were still working, and their pay was the same. Obviously bonuses weren't, because we weren't producing the same amount of steel. But they all understood that. They knew that if we were

going to succeed, we were going to succeed together. It was a wonderful experience, and worked great for everybody."

This mild, dignified septuagenarian becomes quite animated by the memory. On the one hand, Humphrey comes over as a realist, who knows that every walk of life requires tough

decisions--whether in the pursuit of pleasure or profit. He also knows these are again divided times in America. But he has seen those before; and the one resource everyone needs in this game, besides funds, is a still deeper well of optimism.

"I'm very optimistic about this country, and about all our allies," he says, with a calm firmness. "And about what can be done, by going back to working together, to co-operation, to

understanding what's for the greater good."

By the same token, what he values most in horses cannot, you suspect, be very different from what he most values in people. "Good horses obviously come in all different shapes and sizes," he says. "But I think the most important characteristic, in the

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"The customer will demand it," McGuire emphasized. He added, "Sports betting is both the greatest single opportunity and the greatest threat to racing. Unfortunately, consumer spending will quickly move away from racing, but racing and sports betting can coexist if sports betting is well integrated with racing."

He added a cautionary note that how sports wagers are structured is critical.

"As soon as you overtax, you can kill your market," McGuire said. "Participants will bet less or head to the illegal market. If too many hurdles are placed in sports betting, your customers will go to the off-shore operations, which are quite vibrant. Horse racing and sports betting can coexist if the two are fully integrated."

He pointed to Portugal and France as two countries with have high tax rates, which has created a strong demand for illegal betting markets there.



**Richard McGuire (center) | @UA-RTIP**

"Racetracks have the infrastructure to offer sports betting, and I would encourage tracks to do that," he told the audience of several hundred attendees.

McGuire was one of three speakers on sports wagering that kicked off the second day of the symposium. Each one emphasized that the mobile platform is where sports betting will land.

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"Sports betting has hovered for years as the golden goose," she said. "The economics of sports betting is no mystery. Sports books can be profitable or they can be murdered, depending on the regulatory environment. They have never been big money makers. There's a lot of risk involved in operating a sports book. They operate with very narrow margins. A sports book is mostly an amenity to casino customers."

She agreed with McGuire that the profitability of a sports book depends on taxes and fees.

"Operators see sports betting as the Golden Goose," continued Lowenhar-Fisher, "But that's not so. My advice is that if your taxes and fees are in excess of Las Vegas, you might be in trouble."

She also echoed McGuire in saying that customers can easily bet through illegal markets if they offer a better deal.

"The more efficiencies you can create in a sports book, the better," she stated. "My takeaway for racetrack operators is to be mindful of all the business killers you might encounter."

The panelists agreed that sports betting will spread to other states but that tax rates and licensing fees in each state will vary, and that will affect profitability. Pennsylvania was singled out as a state having high taxes and fees to help the state plug budget gaps.

In a separate panel on sports betting, Scott Finley of the French betting organization PMU, conceded that sports betting is not going to happen overnight, but the racing industry must be part of the discussion.

Finley agreed with Lowenhar-Fisher in emphasizing that sports betting is not like racing.

"You can lose money taking sports bets," Finley said. "It's not like sitting back and taking a percentage of pari-mutuel handle."

Bill Knauf, VP of Business Operations for Monmouth Park in New Jersey, gave the background of the court case which ultimately went to the U.S. Supreme Court and was decided 6-3 in favor of sports betting on May 14 of this year. Monmouth opened its Sports Book by William Hill exactly a month later. It was opened in a renovated pari-mutuel area in the grandstand, and a sports bar was added nearby. Handle on Monmouth Park's races went up significantly. (Sports betting not only came to Monmouth Park in New Jersey, but also to the

Meadowlands and Atlantic City casinos.)

Knauf said that the advantage of locating sports betting at tracks is that they are already the site of state-regulated gambling and they have ample parking and interior space, plus TV rooms with multiple channels.

"We can show 60 sports games at once," said Knauf. "No sports bar around us can do that."

Scott Duruty, a vice president with The Stronach Group, asked symposium attendees, "Is sports betting a friend or foe?"

The answer, Duruty says, depends on who you ask and what jurisdiction that person is from.

He said that The Stronach Group has not yet entered the sports betting market, but certainly has examined it carefully in four states: California, Florida, Oregon, and Maryland. It looks like a longshot in California, Duruty conceded. A proposed bill on sports betting did not move past committee in the past legislative session.

"The tribal interests in California are not interested in online or mobile sports betting," he said. "They just want to get customers to their casinos."

He acknowledged that California is a large and lucrative market, but racetracks face significant challenges in the quest to offer sports betting there.

Duruty noted that Florida residents voted to phase out greyhound racing recently and added there will be no additional casino gambling without a ballot issue.

Duruty said, "Some people said 'There goes Florida.'"

He said many people thought that the recent vote diminished the hopes for sports wagering at racetracks, but he emphasized that sports betting in Florida is still unresolved.

Oregon scrapped sports betting in 2007 and that future participation by racing and tribal casinos is far from clear. Duruty said that if sports betting comes to Oregon it will may be operated by state lottery.

"I don't see much chance for tracks in Oregon," he admitted.

He is far more positive on Maryland, and thinks that soon sports wagering will come to land-based casinos and racetracks.

"Sports betting in Maryland will require a statewide vote," Duruty said. "Polls show approval, but voters must wait until legislation is approved. It would be very beneficial in Maryland."

He's confident that sports betting will attract customers who also will be attracted to betting on horses.

Horseplayers were the focus of a lively session in which tracks



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came under strong criticism from core customers. Attendees heard impassioned pleas for racing to listen to racing fans and to treat them better.

Chris Larmey, chairman of the NHC Players Committee of the National Thoroughbred Racing Assn., said, "Racing is dying one horseplayer at a time."

He said racing's core product is "the bet" and says that product is overpriced.

"Takeout is too high in general," he said, "Maybe not in all cases, but the serious players have to make a long-term profit. The price of betting--the takeout--is a big deal. The price of playing is much lower in sports betting. So takeout is a real challenge to the racing industry. If you don't reduce takeout, it will slowly eat away at racing."

Larmey said that every track's goals should be to present large and competitive fields for customers to bet.

"A five-horse field with a 2-5 shot is not fun to handicap," he said.

Larmey said that there are a lot of easy fixes and wonders why racing hasn't addressed those problems.

"Do you not care about the customer?" he asked pointedly.

He mentioned that racing's tote system has been patched over many years but the basic infrastructure is the same as 25-30 years ago.

"Where is the innovation in player experience?" Larmey asked.

Larmey also criticized the video presentation of racing, saying, "In the last five years, I have watched many sports events in high-definition...except for racing. Horseplayers watch races. They watch replays. They need high-definition technology."

Michael Amo, a member of the New York Racing Fan Advisory Council, said, "Fans are more than customers and players. They are stakeholders, too."

Amo said that tracks have forgotten fans and emphasized the need for more state racing councils to serve as a voice for fans. He strongly believes that fans should be represented on organizations that govern racing. If tracks respect and listen to fans, it will give them a sense of ownership in racing to help grow the sport.

"Excluding fans will certainly not give them a sense of ownership," Amo said.

He was emphatic in the need for racing to change. "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them," Amo said.

Patrick Cummings, Executive Director of the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation, cited the issue of breakage as one way that the customer is being cheated by racing.

"Breakage is the difference between what winning bettors should receive on winning bets, and what they actually receive," Cummings said.

In this year's Triple Crown races, there was almost \$1 million in breakage not paid to bettors.

"Takeout rates are actually higher in racing than published because of breakage," Cummings said. "Breakage has been unchallenged for 90 years. We have to treat racing's core players with respect. Breakage is retained by tracks, and that's no longer necessary."

Cummings advocated that reducing penny breakage would eliminate minus pools and would create a massive stimulus for horseplayers, and that money would ultimately go back to owners and horsemen.

Cummings criticized racing for its lack of innovation.

"Horse players are not happy with the status quo," he said.

"Customers are leaving."

Speaking from the track management perspective, Matt Vance of Remington Park in Oklahoma emphasized that Remington is not a track that values gaming customers over horseplayers.

"We've been adamant about keeping horse racing relevant in our Remington Park operation," he said. "From day one, it was key that we maintained that crossover. We wanted to showcase racing. We are lucky in Oklahoma because our gaming license is dependent on horse racing. Our racing commission understands the importance of keeping horse racing relevant. We have to keep the core player interested, and yet still get the new people coming to the casino to cross over to racing. We try to cross-promote both the gaming and racing. We worked hand-in-hand with our horsemen and it's a partnership with us."

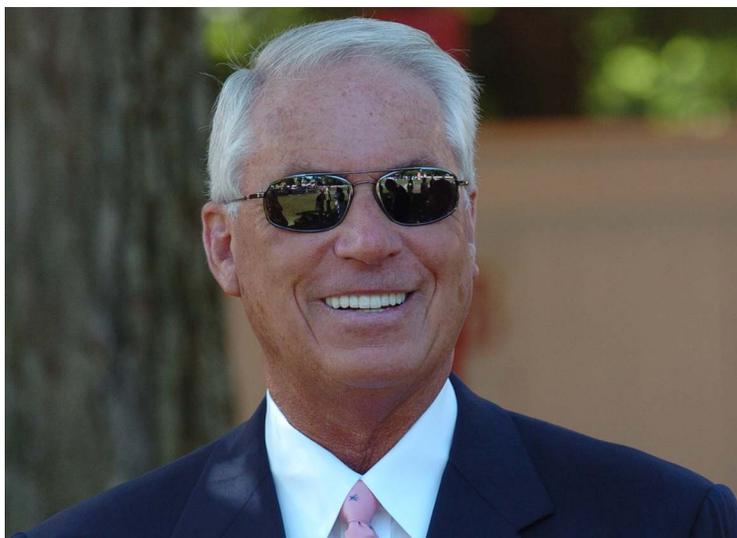
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SO...  
WHO'S HORSE  
OF THE YEAR?

#### D. WAYNE LUKAS, Hall of Fame trainer

It, of course, narrows down to the two horses, Accelerate and Justify. You often wonder if you put them head-to-head, what would happen? My second thought on it is, how great of an accomplishment did each one of them have? What impact did each one of them have? When you talk about Horse of the Year, you shouldn't have to ever explain it. You'd like to have a clear-cut winner where you don't have to explain to the lay person why the horse should be Horse of the Year.



**D. Wayne Lukas** | *Coglianese*

I would vote for Justify. My opinion is that the difficulty of getting through the Triple Crown uninjured, beating the best horses, I think that's still one of the greatest achievements there is in racing. The thing that makes it easier for an older horse is that you can pick your spots. If you can pick your spots, pick your races, pick your competition and manage your horses, that's admirable, don't get me wrong, but it makes things easier. With the Triple Crown, everything is already dictated for you. You can't come out of the Derby and say, I think I'll wait until the Travers because I need a little time. The Preakness comes up in two weeks and there you are again. The job that Bob Baffert did with that horse was extraordinary.

If they had ever met, the only place would have been in the Breeders' Cup. The 3-year-olds have always showed up well in the Breeders' Cup and by that late in the year, the age difference is less of a factor. I think Justify would have prevailed over Accelerate. I will say this, it would have been a helluva race.

*Wayne Lukas is not an Eclipse Award voter*

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## BRAVAZO SETTING SIGHTS ON PEGASUS

Calumet Farm's **Bravazo** (Awesome Again), third in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile Nov. 3 and a close second in the GI Clark H. Nov. 23, is being pointed toward the \$9-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational Saturday, Jan 26 at Gulfstream Park. The GI Preakness S. runner-up has raced in eight consecutive Grade I events at six different tracks.

"We've got a window of about seven weeks, so we'll get him in a work pattern," Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. "We did ship him to Arkansas, where he's getting a week to just take it easy. We'll start picking up a worktab schedule in mid-



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December. He's really done well. He's fit, his weight is excellent."

Lukas continued, "I think [Pegasus] is a significant development in the big picture of racing. One of things we've struggled with in Thoroughbred racing is keeping superstars on the track. I think this is a step in the right direction."

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## REDESDALE TO STAND AT HIDDEN LAKE FARM

**Redesdale** (Speightstown--Harpia, by Danzig), produced by a graded-stakes winning full-sister to Danehill, has been retired to Hidden Lake Farm at Questroyal North in New York. He will stand for a fee of \$5,000, stands and nurses, and a limited number of lifetime breeding rights are available.

A winner of his first three career starts sprinting on dirt, the 5-year-old retires to stud as the property of Hidden Lake Farm, LLC, Schumer Bloodstock and 3C Stable, LLC.

“Redesdale offers every element for what I look for in a stallion,” Hidden Lake’s Chris Bernhard said. “Speed, looks and pedigree. His family is second to none. How often can you get Danehill under the second dam? Danehill is arguably the most important sire/sire of sires in Europe and Australia, and Northern Dancer is in my opinion the most important sire line period.”

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### FOAL PATROL SEASON 2 TO DEBUT DEC. 28

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame will debut Foal Patrol Season 2 online Dec. 28 at [www.foalpatrol.com](http://www.foalpatrol.com), and celebrate the new season with a family-friendly Foal Patrol Kids! open house at the Museum that day from 10 a.m. to noon. The open house will feature numerous educational initiatives, including the opportunity to meet a mare and foal on the premises, as well as the miniature horse Upset. The first season of Foal Patrol, a collection of live cameras following the daily activities of in-foal mares, had more than 1.6 million views from December 2017 through September 2018.

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### COUNTERFORCE RETIRES TO ROAD’S END FARM

Stakes winner **Counterforce** (Smart Strike--Achieving, by Bernardini) will enter stud for the 2019 season at Road’s End Farm near Abbotsford, British Columbia. The 5-year-old will stand for a fee of \$2,000, Canadian funds, as the property of a partnership. Counterforce posted a record of 24-5-7-5 and earnings of \$323,708. He won Oaklawn’s 2016 Bachelor S. His third dam is 2007 Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour.

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**Saturday, Los Alamitos, post time: 5:28 p.m. EST**

**LOS ALAMITOS CASH CALL FUTURITY-GI, \$300,000, 2yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Improbable	City Zip	WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd. & Starlight Racing	Baffert	Van Dyke	120
2	Savagery	Bellamy Road	Rockingham Ranch	Miller	Bejarano	120
3	Dueling	Violence	Michael C. Stinson	Hollendorfer	Smith	120
4	King of Speed	Jimmy Creed	Del Secco DCS Racing	Bonde	Desormeaux	120
5	Extra Hope	Shanghai Bobby	Jay Em Ess Stable	Mandella	Prat	120
6	Mucho Gusto	Mucho Macho Man	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Talamo	120

**Breeders:** 1-St. George Farm LLC & G. WattsHumphrey Jr., 2-Ponder Hill, Inc., 3-SF Bloodstock LLC, 4-Newaukum Racing Stables LLC, 5-Samantha Siegel, 6-Teneri Farm Inc. &Bernardo Alvarez Calderon

**Saturday, Los Alamitos, post time: 6:28 p.m. EST**

**STARLET S-GI, \$300,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Vibrance	Violence	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Daniell, Donna & Jim	McCarthy	Prat	120
2	Mother Mother	Pioneerof the Nile	Bolton, George, Hall, Barry, Lipman, Barry, Mathiesen, Mark & Molasky, Andrew	Baffert	Geroux	120
3	Sold It	The Factor	Dunne, Ciaran & Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
4	Oxy Lady	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Cannon	120
5	Enaya Alrabb	Uncle Mo	Enaya Racing	O'Neill	Smith	120
6	Chasing Yesterday	Tapit	Summer Wind Equine	Baffert	Van Dyke	120

**Breeders:** 1-Jason Hall & Bill Vanlandingham, 2-T. F. VanMeter, 3-Jeanne Canty, Judy Hicks, Kathryn Nikkel& Pegasus Stud LLC, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Tony Holmes & Dr. & Mrs. Walter Zent, 6-Summer Wind Equine



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## Leading Third-Crop Sires by YTD Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, Dec. 4

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2018 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>The Factor</b> (2008) by War Front	7	20	1	5	--	2	223	118	\$676,617	\$6,440,677
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000								Bound for Nowhere	
2	<b>Tapizar</b> (2008) by Tapit	2	7	2	4	1	2	151	79	\$2,818,200	\$6,399,113
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$10,000								Monomoy Girl	
3	<b>Dialed In</b> (2008) by Mineshaft	4	12	1	6	--	2	125	65	\$2,484,600	\$5,666,451
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$25,000								Gunnevera	
4	<b>Creative Cause</b> (2009) by Giant's Causeway	6	12	3	5	1	1	147	72	\$1,039,600	\$5,121,233
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$20,000								Pavel	
5	<b>Union Rags</b> (2009) by Dixie Union	6	14	3	9	--	2	185	86	\$283,600	\$5,120,501
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$60,000								Catalina Cruiser	
6	<b>Bodemeister</b> (2009) by Empire Maker	6	12	3	5	--	--	204	102	\$189,580	\$4,833,951
	FYR: 2014	Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$25,000								Yuvetsi	
7	<b>Shackleford</b> (2008) by Forestry	3	9	1	1	1	1	183	92	\$931,080	\$4,811,412
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$20,000								Promises Fulfilled	
8	<b>Stay Thirsty</b> (2008) by Bernardini	1	8	1	3	1	1	145	85	\$240,900	\$3,819,565
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Lovacres Ranch CA Fee: \$6,000								Mind Control	
9	<b>Gemologist</b> (2009) by Tiznow	--	7	--	--	--	--	160	84	\$132,240	\$3,754,091
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Arcadiana Equine LA Fee: \$4,500								Diamondcoat	
10	<b>Maclean's Music</b> (2008) by Distorted Humor	4	11	2	2	1	1	109	52	\$321,750	\$3,090,619
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$25,000								Complexity	
11	<b>Algorithms</b> (2009) by Bernardini	2	9	--	2	--	--	117	67	\$125,480	\$2,857,628
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$5,000								Taylor's Spirit	
12	<b>Get Stormy</b> (2006) by Stormy Atlantic	5	6	3	4	--	--	110	52	\$301,688	\$2,607,342
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Crestwood Farm KY Fee: \$5,000								Fifty Five	
13	<b>Mission Impazible</b> (2007) by Unbridled's Song	1	5	--	--	--	--	84	47	\$141,795	\$2,506,920
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Sequel Stallions New York NY Fee: \$7,500								Starlite Mission	
14	<b>Astrology</b> (2008) by A.P. Indy	2	5	--	--	--	--	113	58	\$154,900	\$2,206,973
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Acadiana Equine at Copper Crowne LA Fee: \$4,500								Amy Farah Fowler	
15	<b>Jersey Town</b> (2006) by Speightstown	2	5	1	1	1	1	68	39	\$861,400	\$2,152,096
	FYR: 2014	Stands: Daehling Ranch CA Fee: 3,000								Bee Jersey	

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**8th-GP, \$60K, Msw, 2yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 4:05 p.m. ET**

Mike Ryan and trainer Rodolphe Brisset looks to follow up the success of their GII Demoiselle S. romper Positive Spirit (Pioneerof the Nile) with debutante **LADY ROSALIE (IRE) (Dubawi {Ire})** in this Hallandale grass heat. The homebred is a half-sister to GISW juvenile Laragh (Tapit) and Summer Front, the three-time GSW turfer whose first crop of foals hits the track in 2019. Her dam is also a half to GISW juvenile Siphonic (Siphon {Brz}). Parkland Thoroughbreds went to \$200,000 to secure **Heavenly Scat (Scat Daddy)** at OBS April after a :10 4/5 breeze. The Jorge Abreu trainee is a half to Champagne Problems (Ghostzapper), who captured this summer's GIII Groupie Doll S. and was runner-up in the GI Juddmonte Spinster S. before selling to the British-based Stroud Coleman Bloodstock for \$950,000 at Fasig-Tipton November. Her unraced dam is a half to MGISW Southern Image (Halo's Image), as well as the dam of GI United Nations S. hero and young sire Turbo Compressor (Halo's Image). **Sensational Charge (Will Take Charge)** has a right to like the lawn in her career bow as well. The chestnut is a half to the MSW/GSP turfer Our Way (Tizway) out of a MSW half-sister to Lady of Shamrock (Scat Daddy), a six-time SW on the green whose conquests included the GI American Oaks S. and GI Del Mar Oaks. Her second dam is also a half to GI Hollywood Turf Cup victor Royal Chariot (Strawberry Road {Aus}). **TJCIS PPs**

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**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**Central Banker** (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500

75 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners  
 8-Gulfstream, Msw 7 1/2ft, NIKO'S DREAM, 8-1  
 \$32,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl

**Cross Traffic** (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, \$12,500

91 foals of racing age/15 winners/5 black-type winners  
 7-Turfway, Aoc 6f, CROSSING ALASKA, 12-1  
 \$18,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$3,000 EAS OCT yrl

**Csaba** (Kitten's Joy), R Star Stallions, \$2,500

19 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 7-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, SWEET GELATO, 20-1

**Fed Biz** (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$12,500

103 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners  
 8-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2ft, VOGT, 4-1  
 \$37,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$85,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$150,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Noble Mission (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), Lane's End Farm, \$25,000

112 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
 8-Gulfstream, Msw 7 1/2ft, NOBLE MARIA, 6-1  
 \$10,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 4-Los Alamitos, Msw 5 1/2f, PALALEO, 20-1  
 \$100,000 BAR OCT yrl

**Strong Mandate** (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000

82 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Remington, Msw 6 1/2f, DESERT DREAMS, 30-1  
 \$35,000 RNA TTA MIX yrl

**Uncaptured** (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm, \$6,000

77 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners  
 7-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, ELITE APPEAL, 6-1  
 7-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, WINNAGER, 15-1  
 \$90,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$165,000 OBS APR 2yo

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**Will Take Charge** (Unbridled's Song), Three Chimneys Farm, \$30,000  
 109 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner  
 4-Los Alamitos, Msw 5 1/2f, ALL GOOD, 5-2  
 8-Gulfstream, Msw 7 1/2fT, SENSATIONAL CHARGE, 20-1  
 8-Gulfstream, Msw 7 1/2fT, TRULY, 30-1  
 \$120,000 KEE SEP yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**Beau Choix** (Elusive Quality), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$2,500  
 21 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
 8-Gulfstream, Msw 7 1/2fT, WHAT A BEAUT, 15-1  
 \$4,700 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$155,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Corfu** (Malibu Moon), Bridlewood Farm, \$3,500  
 41 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, CORY GAL, 20-1

**Jimmy Creed** (Distorted Humor), Spendthrift Farm, \$12,000  
 183 foals of racing age/65 winners/7 black-type winners  
 6-Remington, Msw 6 1/2f, MAGGIE PIE, 9-2  
 \$1,000 KEE JAN yrl; \$70,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Soldat** (War Front), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$5,000  
 158 foals of racing age/51 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, LAW OF ATTRACTION, 30-1  
 \$3,800 OBS WIN yrl



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-Gulfstream, \$42,300, 12-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.67, ft.**

**MS MESHAK (f, 3, Shackleford--Mindy Queen {MSW, \$209,658}, by Indy King)** Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-2-0, \$103,850. O/B-Northwind Thoroughbreds LLC (FL); T-Joseph F. Orseno. \*\$47,000 RNA Ylg '16 OBSAUG.

**3rd-Gulfstream, \$40,300, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 12-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.70, ft.**

**UNTRUE (m, 6, Concerto--Shadow Belle {SP, \$113,916}, by Halo's Image)** Lifetime Record: 46-8-8-4, \$184,000. O-Stephen Screnci; B-Stephen Screnci (FL); T-Armando De La Cerda.

**6th-Mahoning Valley, \$30,500, 12-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.20, ft.**

**PUNAHLE (f, 4, Discreet Cat--Meadowlee, by Meadowlake)** Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-1, \$122,313. O-Kama'aina Thoroughbreds; B-James A. & Jane N. Fraser (OH); T-Gary L. Johnson. \*\$25,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

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**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$23,500**, 12-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.92, ft.

**GATLING (g, 3, Gun Power--In a Perfect World, by Geri)**  
Lifetime Record: 16-2-1-1, \$41,241. O-Valerie Waite; B-Delcor & Valerie Waite (MI); T-Jose A. Romero. \*1/2 to Got Grit (Stephen Got Even), SP, \$235,030; and Lil Perfect Storm (Catienu), SP, \$152,029.

**7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$21,500**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 12-5, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.32, fm.

**SURPRISE TWIST (g, 4, Elusive Quality--My Princess Jess {MGSW & MGISP, \$557,015}, by Stormy Atlantic)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-5, \$105,048. O-Lael Stable; B-M. Roy Jackson (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour.

**Lyewood Stable Graduate**

**1st-Turf Paradise, \$20,000**, 12-5, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.27, ft.  
**SENIOR FRIDAY (g, 2, Curlin--Almonsoon {SW & GSP, \$249,386}, by Giant's Causeway)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$20,094.  
O-Charles Garvey; B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (KY); T-Sean Williams.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Truest of Them All**, g, 2, **Alcindor**--Be True, by Shakespeare.  
Mahoning Valley, 12-5, (S), 6f, 1:15.68. B-Breakaway Farm, LLC (OH). \*Full to True Cinder, SW, \$395,800.

**This Man Can**, g, 2, **Can the Man**--Plastique, by City Zip.  
Mahoning Valley, 12-5, (S), 6f, 1:14.85. B-Peter Sheppell (OH). \*\$6,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

**False Info**, c, 2, **Noble Mission (GB)**--Maxine's Hymn, by Seeking the Gold. Gulfstream, 12-5, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.33. B-Thamer Abdullah Alkanhal (KY). \*\$20,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$30,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

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**High Francesco**, g, 3, **High Cotton**--My Friend Melini, by Trippi.  
Mahoning Valley, 12-5, 1m, 1:44.51. B-Marion G. Montanari (FL). \*\$16,000 Ylg '16 OBSWIN; \$25,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.



**ALCINDOR**, Truest of Them All, g, 2, o/o Be True, by Shakespeare. MSW, 12-5, Mahoning Valley  
**CAN THE MAN**, This Man Can, g, 2, o/o Plastique, by City Zip. MSW, 12-5, Mahoning Valley  
**CONCERTO**, Untrue, m, 6, o/o Shadow Belle, by Halo's Image. AOC, 12-5, Gulfstream  
**CURLIN**, Senior Friday, g, 2, o/o Almonsoon, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 12-5, Turf Paradise

**HENDERSHOT HONORED AS OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS BY UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA RTIP**

The University of Arizona Racetrack Industry Program (RTIP) this week awarded Peggy Hendershot with the John K. Goodman Award that recognizes program alumni for their outstanding contributions to the horse racing industry and is named for a founding father of the RTIP. Hendershot has served as President of the federal political action committee, Horse PAC<sup>®</sup>, since 2006.

Hendershot's tenure with Horse PAC<sup>®</sup> began in 2002 when the bi-partisan PAC was activated to promote and facilitate the accumulation of voluntary contributions from members in support of political parties and candidates for federal elective office in the United States. Horse PAC<sup>®</sup> has since become one of the largest federal gaming PACs in the nation while protecting and promoting the industry's interests on Capitol Hill.

Hendershot began her career in horse racing working part-time at Les Bois Park in Idaho. After attending the RTIP, Hendershot moved to New York where she became an original member of the staff of Thoroughbred Racing Communications, which merged into NTRA Communications in 1999. Over a nearly 20-year association with the NTRA, Hendershot served in several roles and ultimately as the NTRA Senior Vice President of Legislative Affairs.



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NTRA INDUSTRY UPDATE

**DISCREET CAT**, Punahale, f, 4, o/o Meadowlee, by Meadowlake. ALW, 12-5, Mahoning Valley  
**ELUSIVE QUALITY**, Surprise Twist, g, 4, o/o My Princess Jess, by Stormy Atlantic. AOC, 12-5, Tampa Bay  
**GUN POWER**, Gatling, g, 3, o/o In a Perfect World, by Geri. ALW, 12-5, Mahoning Valley  
**HIGH COTTON**, High Francesco, g, 3, o/o My Friend Melini, by Trippi. MSW, 12-5, Mahoning Valley  
**NOBLE MISSION (GB)**, False Info, c, 2, o/o Maxine's Hymn, by Seeking the Gold. MCL, 12-5, Gulfstream  
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By Emma Berry and Chris McGrath

NEWMARKET, UK—The traditional Wednesday evening slot for the Juddmonte fillies in and out of training delivered exactly what has come to be expected as the December Sale cranked down a notch from the frenetic trade of Tuesday.

A pair of 3-year-olds from celebrated families and by top-class sires shared the spotlight when each selling for 400,000gns just four lots apart. A number of the international visitors had disappeared from Park Paddocks by the third session of the sale but still in situ and waiting for the second part of their favourite draft were John Gunther and his daughter Tanya, who have enjoyed the sort of year that all breeders dream about.

It will be hard to top a year in which Glennwood Farm produced a Triple Crown winner in Justify and then celebrated a Group 1 winner at Royal Ascot in the Gunthers' own colours, but the family is reinvesting in some European bloodlines in a bid to keep the top-level winners coming.

"You have to keep working," John Gunther said with a smile as he signed the docket for **lot 2204, Weekday (GB)**, a once-raced daughter of Dansili (GB), whose recent accomplishments as a broodmare sire include the GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Expert Eye (GB) (Acclamation {GB}) and Saturday's GI Matriarch S. winner Uni (GB) (More Than Ready). **Cont. p2**

## HKIR TRACKWORK REPORT--WEDNESDAY

by Alan Carasso

HONG KONG--A heavily overcast sky hung over Sha Tin Racecourse and the surrounding mountains and the occasional raindrop fell, but none of that put any sort of damper on a busy window of activity in advance of Sunday's Longines International Hong Kong Races.

Thursday is the day that the Japanese raiders typically strut their stuff, but some of the entrants from the island nation put in some impressive fast work Wednesday morning. **Lys Gracieux (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) had Joao Moreira in the irons as the last-out winner of the G1 QE II Cup (2200m) covered her final 200m in :23 flat in the company of G1 Yasuda Kinen hero **Mozu Ascot** (Frankel {GB}), who was assigned the same time, but looked the slightly better of the two. Lys Gracieux faces the boys in G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase (2400m), while Mozu Ascot takes on **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. **Cont. p11**

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"I bought Posset from the same spot so I just couldn't stop bidding," he adds. "She's a lovely mare from a Juddmonte family with a couple of Dubawis to come [from her dam]. I've been so lucky with Juddmonte over the years—Without Parole is by Frankel—and I didn't want to leave without buying something from the draft."

Posset (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), a sister to Midday (GB) and a 625,000gns purchase four years ago, could yet be responsible for the Gunthers' silks being carried to further glory in Britain and her first foal, the unraced 2-year-old Make My Day (GB) (Galileo {GB}), is in training with John Gosden and holds a Derby entry. Weekday will join her fellow Juddmonte-bred to Newsells Park Stud, the Gunthers' choice of boarding farm in Britain, and is likely to visit Kingman (GB).

Reflecting on a memorable 2018, Gunther added, "It's been a very exciting year with Justify

winning the Triple Crown. You know, you just dream of breeding a Kentucky Derby winner and then for him to win the Triple Crown, it still hasn't really sunk in yet. And then we went to Royal Ascot with our first runner and Without Parole won the St James's Palace. To top it all, Prince Harry and Meghan presented us with the trophy. It was the best day of my life."

The other Juddmonte filly to reach 400,000gns was **Supporter (GB) (lot 2200)**, a daughter of Dubawi and, more importantly, a granddaughter of Hasili (GB) being out of the unraced Very Good News (Empire Maker).

Trainer Roger Varian was charged with bidding on behalf of his patron Nurlan Bizakov, whose Group 3 winner Altyn Orda (Ire) (Kyllachy {GB}) chased home Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) for second in the G1 Falmouth S. Also among the string of horses Varian trains for Bizakov are the G3 Chartwell Fillies' S. winner Tomyris (Ire) (Invincible Spirit



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{Ire}) and listed winner Rasima (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}). **Cont. p3**

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"Nurlan Bizakov is building a strong broodmare band at Hesmonds Stud and looking to add some decent blood the farm, so she certainly fits the profile," said Varian of Supporter, a half-sister to the G1 Irish St Leger-placed Weekender (GB) (Frankel {GB}). "He's had a very good year on the track and has some nice fillies in training."

The third day of the mares' sale couldn't match last year's equivalent session, with reductions in all sectors bar a very strong clearance rate of 87%. With 205 horses sold—22 more than on the same day last year—turnover was down by 19% to 5,257,800gns, while the average fell by 28% to 25,648gns and the median by 47% to 10,000gns. **Cont. p4**



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• Catalogued	298	289
• Number Offered	236	229
• Number Sold	205	183
• Not Sold	31	46
• Clearance Rate	87%	80%
• High Price	400,000gns	325,000gns
• Gross	5,257,800gns	6,519,200gns
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### Frankel Fillies in Demand

While the idea of digging deep for a Frankel (GB) cover is first and foremost to get yourself a racehorse, it would be easy to argue that the same kind of sum simply to take his unraced daughter **Rekindle (GB)** to the paddocks still represents pretty good value, given the page she brings with her.

That was certainly the way Jono Mills of Rabbah was viewing things after securing **lot 2196**, another of the Juddmonte fillies, at 170,000gns. The 3-year-old Rekindle (GB) is the first foal out of the G3 Nell Gwyn S. winner and Group 1-placed Hot Snap (GB) (Pivotal {GB})—obviously by a celebrated broodmare sire, and a half-sister to the six-time Group/Grade 1 winner Middy (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Their dam, moreover, is a half-sister to two elite performers in Elmaamul (Diesis {GB}) and Reams Of Verse (Nureyev).



Jono Mills | Alayna Cullen

It would be hard to put a price on access to such a family, not least as the dam is so young—this filly so far being followed only by a juvenile full-brother named Home Fire (GB), and a filly foal by Galileo (Ire). Moreover Middy's half-sister by Frankel, Sun Maiden (GB), is staying in training after her Group 2 podium in the Ribblesdale S.

"Yes, obviously it's a cracking pedigree but you'd like to think it can only go one way," Mills reasoned. "They say the brother's very nice, so fingers crossed we can get a few updates under the first dam, because that is a lovely page."

Mills, who shortly afterwards walked away as underbidder to the joint-highest price of the day (2204), said that Rekindle had not been bought with a specific cover in mind.

Another unraced daughter of Frankel, **lot 2203 Truva (GB)**, brought 150,000gns from Ever Union Shokai. **Cont. p5**

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She is a half-sister to the smart juvenile Sangarius (GB) (Kingman {GB}), who ran fourth in the G1 Dewhurst S. after his listed success at Doncaster this year, out of an Empire Maker daughter of Banks Hill (GB)—one of the champion performers who qualified her dam Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) as one of the all-time broodmare legends.

**Casse Steps Up For Etreham**

Haras d'Etreham enjoyed Grade I success as breeders over the weekend via the Matriarch S. victrix Uni (GB) (More Than Ready) and the French farm added a member of the Juddmonte draft to its ranks on Wednesday with the purchase of **At Your Pleasure (GB)** (War Front). Justin Casse stepped in to do the bidding on behalf of the absent Nicolas de Chambure and, after signing the ticket for **lot 2182** for 175,000gns, said, "I agreed with Nicolas in thinking that she is very good physically—a good walker with a nice shape to her. She's a winner and of course the stallion is very popular. The plan is for her to go to Almanzor (Fr)."

Also on the side of the 3-year-old filly is the fact that she is the daughter of four-time American and Canadian Grade I winner Ventura (Chester House) but her page also includes plenty of black-type winners from farther afield—Australia, Hong Kong, France, Ireland and Britain included.



Justin Casse | Tattersalls

John and Peter Fagan had bought the listed-winning Havre De Paix (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) for 230,000gns through agent Suzanne Roberts on Tuesday and returned to the ring on Wednesday to add **Clique (GB)** (Bated Breath {GB}) to their Deerpark Stud broodmare band for 110,000gns. Sold as **lot 2186**, the 3-year-old was a winner earlier this year for Dermot Weld and is a half-sister to three stakes winners in Stronghold (GB) (Danehill), Convey (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and Take The Hint (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}). **Cont. p6**

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## Musical Art To The Paddocks

Though he was unable to share details of his clients or their plans, beyond her staying in Europe to be covered, a familiar and welcome face was on hand to sign—in the name of Avenue Bloodstock—for **lot 2216 Musical Art (Ire)** (Dutch Art {GB}).

John Ferguson, Sheikh Mohammed's former bloodstock manager, is spending a lot of time nowadays exploring opportunities in the Australian and Japanese markets, but had picked out an appealing prospect here at 190,000gns.

The 3-year-old did not go on this year but was placed in the G3 Princess Margaret S. for Paul Cole as a juvenile, after winning at Newbury on her debut. She is out of a listed-placed Barathea (Ire) half-sister to that top-class filly Finsceal Beo (Ire) (Mr Greeley) as well as to another Classic winner in Frozen Power (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), who won the G2 Mehl-Mulhens Rennen (German 2000 Guineas).



John Ferguson | Tattersalls

## Vivianite to Watson

The Ballygallon Stud homebred **Vivianite (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) will continue her racing career in the UK after Tom Biggs of Blandford Bloodstock went to 160,000gns to buy her for a client of Lambourn trainer Archie Watson.

"She'll race on next year after a little break to freshen her up," said Biggs. "Her form is decent and she has plenty to recommend her on pedigree."

Fourth in a listed race on her most recent start at Naas for Michael Halford, the 3-year-old (**lot 2177**) is now rated 93 and was a winner over a mile back in August. A half-sister to four winners, she is out of the listed-placed Crystany (Ire) (Green Desert), herself a daughter of Watership Down Stud's G1 Fillies' Mile winner Crystal Music (Nureyev).

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## Roedean Heads to Smart Nursery



Kingman (GB) has quickly made a fan of David Redvers, who credits the young Juddmonte sire not only with the best juvenile in whom his Qatar Racing patrons have a stake—namely the impressive Haydock winner Sparkle Roll (Fr), a half-sister to Wings Of Eagles (Fr)—but also with one of their very best acquisitions at the yearling sales. But a Kingman cover was just the icing on the cake as Redvers gave 125,000gns for **lot 2117, Roedean (Ire)** (Oratorio {Ire}), a half-sister to G3 Fred Darling and G3 Princess Margaret S. winner Maureen (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}).

"She's by Oratorio, who I like as a broodmare sire, out of a mare by Linamix (Fr), who I love as a broodmare sire," Redvers said of the 9-year-old, evidently repatriated from Saudi Arabia since commencing a covering career that began with four-time winner Beepeecee (GB) (Henrythenavigator). "We have the yearling out of Maureen, who we absolutely love and is going to William Haggas; and we also own Lady Dragon (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) [stakes-placed daughter of the dam's half-sister], and we think it's a very active, lively family."

Redvers specified that he had been acting on his own account, being eager to capitalise on exciting times at Tweenhills Stud—where there are three outstanding new names on the roster for 2019.

"We're trying to buy some high-quality mares to maximise the opportunity presented by standing stallions of the calibre of Zoustar (Aus), Lightning Spear (GB) and obviously Roaring Lion," he explained. "And the covering should suit her, physically, besides everything we all know Kingman has done. With that, and a following wind, you'd be optimistic you could be out [of the red] in one year."

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## O'Callaghans Strike Early

The only six-figure sales of a sluggish morning session were both picked out by the expert eyes of the O'Callaghan clan. First was **lot 2018, Annie Capri (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), an unraced 3-year-old half-sister to half a dozen winners—including dual listed scorer Mister Manannan (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}) and the group-placed dam of G1 Phoenix S. winner Sudirman (Henrythebavigator)—and from the further family of Dandy Man (Ire). Consigned by Castlefarm Stud, she was knocked down for 100,000gns to return to Yeomanstown, where she had been prepared when raising £210,000 as a Goffs UK Premier yearling.

Tally-Ho Stud meanwhile gave the same sum for **lot 2065, the hard-knocking 6-year-old Home Cummins (Ire)** (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}), a listed-placed four-time winner for Richard Fahey. She is a half-sister to the stable's dual Group winner Forest Ranger (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), their dam Alava (Ire) (Anabaa) being a listed winner in France, and arrived with the benefit of a Twilight Son (GB) cover.

The final session of the December Sale starts today at 9:30 a.m.

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## SESSION TOPPERS

### TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARE SALE DAY 3 TOP 5 LOTS

Lot	Name	Status	Price (gns)
<b>2200</b>	<b>Supporter (GB)</b>	<b>Out of Training</b>	<b>400,000</b>
	<i>(f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}—Very Good News, by Empire Maker)</i>		
	<i>B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB)</i>		
	<i>Consigned by Juddmonte Farms</i>		
	<i>Purchased by Hesmonds Stud</i>		
<b>2204</b>	<b>Weekday (GB)</b>	<b>Out of Training</b>	<b>400,000</b>
	<i>(f, 3, Dansili {GB}—Timepiece {GB}, by Zamindar)</i>		
	<i>B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB)</i>		
	<i>Consigned by Juddmonte Farms</i>		
	<i>Purchased by Tanya Gunther</i>		
<b>2216</b>	<b>Musical Art (Ire)</b>	<b>Horse in Training</b>	<b>190,000</b>
	<i>(f, 3, Dutch Arg {GB}—Musical Bar {Ire}, by Baratheas {Ire})</i>		
	<i>B-Rathbarry Stud (Ire)</i>		
	<i>Consigned by Whatcombe Stables (P. Cole)</i>		
	<i>Purchased by Avenue Bloodstock</i>		

**2182 At Your Pleasure (GB) Out of Training 175,000**  
*(f, 3, War Front—Ventura, by Chester House)*  
*B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB)*  
*Consigned by Juddmonte Farms*  
*Purchased by Justin Casse for Haras D'Etreham*

**2196 Rekindle (GB) Out of Training 170,000**  
*(f, 3, Frankel {GB}—Hot Snap {GB}, by Pivotal {GB})*  
*B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB)*  
*Consigned by Juddmonte Farms*  
*Purchased by Rabbah Bloodstock*

## NOTHING BUT NET

### TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARE SALE DAY 3

Lot	Name	Status	Price (gns)
<b>2016</b>	<b>Eclairante (Ire)</b>	<b>i/f to Bated Breath</b>	<b>62,000</b>
	<i>Consigned by Alice Fitzgerald</i>		
	<i>Purchased by Charel Bloodstock</i>		

Purchased for a mere £15,000 by Summit Bloodstock out of the 2017 Tattersalls Ascot November Sale after making only 11,000gns as a 2016 TATDEC yearling, the unraced Eclairante is a half-sister to GSP Grand Vista (GB) (Danehill), MSP World Ruler (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and the SP Disclose (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Carrying her first foal by Bated Breath (GB) (2018 fee £10,000), the family enjoyed a nice update when Juddmonte's Encrypted (GB) (Showcasing {GB})—out of Disclose—scored in the Listed Golden Rose S. at Lingfield on Nov. 17. Charel Bloodstock stretched to 62,000gns for the 3-year-old miss on Wednesday evening.

**2216 Musical Art (Ire) Horse in Training 190,000**  
*Consigned by Whatcombe Stables (P. Cole)*  
*Purchased by Avenue Bloodstock*

Stephen Hillen snapped up Musical Art for €115,000 out of the 2016 Goffs Orby Sale. A winner at first asking in the colours of Mrs. Fitri Hay and trainer Paul Cole, the daughter of the listed placed Musical Bar (Ire) (Baratheas {Ire}) finished third in the G3 Princess Margaret S. at Royal Ascot last June. Sent through the ring again by Cole's Whatcombe Stables on Wednesday, the 3-year-old was purchased by Avenue Bloodstock.

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## PIGGOTT TO REMAIN HOSPITALISED



Lester Piggott with his daughter Maureen Haggas and his son-in-law William Haggas | Emma Berry

Lester Piggott has been hospitalised in London and is expected to remain there for "the next few days" after being admitted over the weekend. One of the sport's all-time great figures, Piggott, 83, is undergoing tests while doctors monitor his condition, according to his daughter Maureen Haggas, wife of Classic-winning trainer William Haggas.

Speaking on Wednesday afternoon, Haggas said, "He's in hospital having tests and he's going to be there for the next few days while those continue."

Piggott-- who had a spell in intensive care in 2007 in a Swiss hospital with a heart complaint--won the Derby a remarkable nine times. He was associated with many equine greats, including Nijinsky II, dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Alleged, triple Ascot Gold Cup winner Sagaro (GB) and the globetrotting wonder mare Dahlia.

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## CITY RACING TRIAL A SUCCESS, VENUE IN THE WORKS

Feedback from last week's trial of **City Racing** has been so positive that no more of its type are planned and an announcement of the first venue is expected early in the new year. London, Melbourne and Paris are among the cities in the frame to stage the event first, after a dummy run at Aintree went without a hitch. The venture is the brainchild of the Queen's grandson, Peter Phillips, with backing from various stakeholders, including the Jockey Club. An artificial track was installed on the old motor racing circuit at Aintree, with the speed in which it could be put down and taken back up again of paramount importance.

"The feedback has been amazing, incredibly positive--we knew the demonstration event was key because a lot of people doubted whether the track could go down and up within the required time," said City Racing spokesman Johnno Spence. "We weren't under a 48-hour deadline, but we wanted to see how long it would take, because in London, Paris or Melbourne we would only have 48 hours and we are now far more comfortable we can achieve that."

"Everyone involved realises this is very much on the cards and very achievable, so the next step is to secure our first venue, Spence said. "No more trials are planned, the next time will be the real thing. Melbourne, London and Paris are all under strong consideration and we hope to announce it early in the new year."



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The requirements for the raceday have already been revealed, and Spence continued, "We're looking at horses rated 0-90, six races over five furlongs, building up from the lowest rated to the highest. We're looking to attract the top jockeys from around the world--I've spoken to Ryan Moore and Frankie Dettori and they are very interested in taking part." [Cont. p9](#)

**City Racing Cont.**

"This is all about attracting more people to racing, particularly the younger generation," he said. "The 'Twenty 20 of horse racing' analogy has been used and that is a very good one. City Racing can also showcase other elements of the sport, and horse welfare is paramount, obviously."

Giving its latest position, a British Horseracing Authority spokesman said, "When a formal proposal is received the BHA will give it due consideration, in discussion with City Racing and the sport's stakeholders."

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112 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner  
18:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, WAR AND GLORY (Ire)  
€18,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2016; £92,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2017

**FRANCE**

**Anodin (Ire)** (Anabaa), Haras du Quesnay  
102 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners  
6-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, MISS WHITE (Fr)

**Olympic Glory (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot  
119 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, TESS GLORY (Fr)  
€65,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2017

**Rosendhal (Ire)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}),  
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, RONAZZA ONE (Fr)

**Toronado (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot  
122 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, LYRONADA (GB)  
1,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2016; €7,500 Goffs Open Yearlings HIT Sale 2017; €12,000 Goresbridge Flat Breeze-Up Sale 2018

**Waldpark (Ger)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Haras du Thenney  
22 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
5-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, GOLDPARK (Fr)



Waldpark seeks his second winner in France on Thursday.  
Haras du Thenney

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**Wednesday's Results:**

**32RED WILD FLOWER S.-Listed**, £45,000, Kempton, 12-5, 3yo/up, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:32.07, st/sl.

1--**SPARK PLUG (IRE)**, 132, g, 7, **Dylan Thomas (Ire)--Kournikova (Saf) (G1SW-Saf)**, by **Sportsworld**. (€34,000 Wlg '11 GOFNOV; 32,000gns Ylg '12 TAOCT). O-J L Day; B-Airlie Stud (IRE); T-Brian Meehan; J-Tom Marquand. £25,520. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng, 33-6-6-3, \$365,797. \*1/2 to Pearl of Africa (Ire) (Jeremy), MSW & MGSP-Ire, MGSP-UAE, \$203,537; and Slight Advantage (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), SW-Ger.

2--**Verdana Blue (Ire)**, 127, m, 6, Getaway (Ger)--Blue Gallery (Ire), by Bluebird. (£74,000 RNA 4yo '16 GOF AUG; €65,000 4yo '16 TINOCH). O-Crimbourne Stud. £9,675.

3--**Time Shanakill (Ire)**, 135, g, 5, Lord Shanakill--Cherry Creek (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). (€26,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €15,000 Ylg '14 TISEP). O-Dioscuri SRL. £4,842.

Margins: 1 1/4, NO, HF. Odds: 16.00, 1.60, 5.50.

Also Ran: Pipes of Peace (Ire), Architecture (Ire), Dance Legend (GB), Reshoun (Fr), Via Via (Ire), Primero (Fr), What About Carlo (Fr).

Spark Plug's consistency was rewarded with a victory in last term's Listed Gala S., but he was off the board in Newbury's July 21 Listed Steventon S. and Lingfield's Nov. 22 Listed Churchill S. last time. **Cont. p10**

**Listed Wild Flower S. Cont.**

Improving one spot into sixth along the back straight after passing the judge seventh first time in this first attempt beyond 10 panels, he made continued headway under increased urging in the straight and was ridden out once quickening to the front approaching the final eighth for a second black-type score.

Spark Plug is one of three stakes winners produced by G1 Triple Tiara heroine Kournikova (SAf) (Sportsworld) and thus kin to MGSP Listed Glencairn S. and Listed Cooley S. victress Pearl of Africa (Ire) (Jeremy) and Listed Silbernes Band des Rheinlandes winner Slight Advantage (Ire) (Peintre Celebre). His youngest sibling is a filly foal by Fast Company (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**2nd-Newcastle, £5,800, Cond, 12-5, 2yo, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:27.23, st.**

**ALMASHRIQ (c, 2, War Front--Theyskens' Theory {GSW & G1SP-Eng, GISP-US, \$195,502}, by Bernardini)** was roused along from a slumbering start to track the leaders in midfield after the early stages of this unveiling. Inching ever closer from halfway, the 8-11 pick loomed large inside the two pole and was pushed out once seizing control approaching the final eighth to assert by 1 3/4 lengths from Cape Victory (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}). Half to a yearling filly by Uncle Mo and a filly foal by Pioneerof the Nile, the \$1.2m Keeneland September yearling is the fourth foal and third winner produced by G3 Prestige S. victress and G1 Fillies' Mile and GI Garden City S. placegetter Theyskens' Theory (Bernardini). His dam, who was bred to Uncle Mo this year, is kin to US champion and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile-winning sire Stevie Wonderboy (Stephen Got Even) and a granddaughter of MGISP GIII Schuylerville S. victress Mystical Mood (Roberto). Sales history: \$1,200,000 Ylg '17 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,773. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-AR Enterprises LLC (KY); T-John Gosden.



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**5th-Lingfield, £5,800, Cond, 12-5, 3yo/up, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:38.98, st.**

**CANTINIERE (f, 3, War Front--Up {Ire} {MGSW-Ire & G1SP-Fr, \$379,468}, by Galileo {Ire})**, who suffered a narrow defeat at Wolverhampton in her Oct. 30 debut before shedding maiden status going an extended mile back there last time Nov. 22, was well away to hit the front after the initial strides here. In control once on the lead, the 1-10 lock had all five rivals on the stretch turning for home and easily extended her advantage under mild coaxing in the straight to outclass Singing Sheriff (GB) (Lawman {Fr}) by four lengths. "I just got beat on her first time, that's two out of three and she's done well so far," said rider Hayley Turner. "She's got a good attitude, she's getting sharper with each race and is heading in the right direction. She's going to Dubai on Saturday." The \$250,000 Keeneland September yearling is the second foal and lone scorer out of MGSW G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulices runner-up Up (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and she is kin to a yearling colt by American Pharoah and a colt foal by Pioneerof the Nile. Up, herself a half-sister to MG1SW sire Dutch Art (GB) (Medicean {GB}), was bred to Medaglia d'Oro this year. Sales history: \$250,000 Ylg '16 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$10,996. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Godolphin; B-Ran Jan Racing Inc (KY); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**4th-Lingfield, £19,000, Cond, 12-5, 3yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:07.17, st.**

**MANGO TANGO (FR) (m, 5, Siyouni {Fr}--Alexandrina {Ger}, by Monsun {Ger})** Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 20-7-3-1, \$234,932. O-Mojave Thoroughbred Partners; B-Emmanuel Trussardi & SARL Ecurie du Precieux (FR); T-Archie Watson. \*€50,000 2yo '15 OSAAPR; €400,000 3yo '16 ARQARC.

**1st-Kempton, £6,000, Cond, 12-5, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.96, st/sl.**

**JAMES STREET (IRE) (c, 2, Gale Force Ten {GB}--Paris Glory, by Honour and Glory)** Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$18,428. O-M M Stables; B-Mattock Stud (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer. \*€16,000 RNA Wlg '16 GOFNOV; €65,000 Ylg '17 TIRSEP; 130,000gns RNA 2yo '18 TATHIT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Total Commitment (Ire), c, 2, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Crysdal (GB), by Dalakhani (Ire).** Kempton, 12-5, 6f (AWT), 1:13.24. B-Watership Down Stud (IRE). \*90,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT.

## FRANCE



## CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**5th-Deauville, €26,000, Cond, 12-5, 2yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.16, st.**

**ISALYS (FR) (f, 2, Panis--Ipshanda {Fr}, by Siyouni {Fr})** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 7-2-2-1, €50,100. O-M'Hammed Karimine & Ecurie Jarlan; B-Ecurie Jarlan (FR); T-Didier Guillemin.

**3rd-Deauville, €26,000, Cond, 12-5, 2yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 2:00.09, st.**

**MISS TEHERAN (IRE) (f, 2, Teofilo {Ire}--Sky Boat {Ire}, by Dansili {GB})** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €26,875. O-Comte Edme de Saint Phalle; B-Mme Anita Wigan (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. \*€26,000 Ylg '17 GOFORB.

**7th-Marseille Pont-de-Vivau, €20,000, Cond, 12-4, 3yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:27.41, st.**

**ALFIERI (FR) (g, 5, Naaqos {GB}--Jolie et Belle {Fr}, by Oratorio {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 41-8-4-5, €146,070. O-Christian Faure; B-G R Bailey Ltd (FR); T-Frederic Rossi. \*€9,000 Ylg '14 OSLATE.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**El Manifico (Fr)**, c, 3, **High Chaparral (Ire)**--Envoutement (Fr), by Vettori (Ire). Deauville, 12-5, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:59.20. B-Robert Nahas & Alain Louis-Dreyfus (FR). \*1/2 to Vilaro (Fr) (Whipper), SW-Fr, \$167,780; and Dijuite (Fr) (Makfi {GB}), SW-Fr, \$142,210.

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## HKIR Trackwork Report Cont. from p1

**Deirdre (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who ran down Lys Gracieux when last seen in the G2 Fuchu Himba (1800m) in October, closed off 1000m of work in :23.2 under Christophe Lemaire galloping down the centre of the course, while **Vivlos (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), striking in both colour (a registered black) and physical appearance, was home in a slick :22.6 nearer the stands'-side fence. Deirdre heads to the Cup, while Vivlos--the 2017 G1 Dubai Turf victrix--joins Mozu Ascot and the equally imposing **Persian Knight (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) in the Mile. Based on her appearance Wednesday, it would not be surprising to see Vivlos return to her best form.

On bare form, **Sungrazer (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) is the one to beat in the Cup and did nothing to dissuade any of the onlookers Wednesday morning. Fitted with a blue hood and earmuffs and with blue polos to match, the 4-year-old zipped his final quarter-mile in :22.4 and gives Moreira, who rides permanently in Hong Kong beginning Sunday, another live chance on the program. The 'Magic Man' won the 2016 Vase aboard Japan's Satono Crown (Jpn) (Marju {Ire}).

Juddmonte Farms' **Mirage Dancer (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) made a good impression visually Wednesday morning, galloping with good energy through the lane before heading through the tunnel and into the Sha Tin parade ring for a schooling session. Despite the presence of the Aidan O'Brien-trained **Rostropovich (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Ryan Moore elects to retain his association with Mirage Dancer in the Vase, with whom he partnered to win the G2 Glorious S. in a strong staying effort in August.

Singapore's **Lim's Cruiser (Aus)** (Casino Prince {Aus}) was led onto the track from the quarantine stables by assistants on either side, each clad in royal-blue-and-gold polos bearing the logo of trainer Stephen Gray's Copper Belt Racing. Lim's Cruiser was restricted to the all-weather track Wednesday morning and looked right at home over the surface, bowling along alertly and with good energy. Winner of Singapore's top sprint race, the Lion City Cup, earlier this season, Lim's Cruiser will be ridden by Hugh Bowman in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint.

**Waldgeist (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) concludes a long season in Sunday's Vase and looked better than he did in the days leading up to the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf, in which he was fifth to Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}). **Latrobe (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) is an attractive, long-barreled horse that has the unmistakable look of a stayer and will return to the 2400 metres of the Vase Sunday, having just missed in the G1 Mackinnon S. at Flemington Nov. 10. [Cont. p12](#)



Sungrazer | HKJC photo

### Former HOTY Werther Out of Cup...

**Werther (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}), a gallant runner-up to Time Warp (GB) (Archipenko) in last year's G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup, has been declared from the race after a veterinary examination revealed a "a slightly thickened and reactive right front medial suspensory branch," according to a release from the Hong Kong Jockey Club. A further scan of the right fore confirmed the injury to the medial branch of the suspensory ligament, necessitating the scratching.

Winner of the 2016 Hong Kong Derby and the G1 QE II Cup over the Sha Tin 2000 metres, Werther was set to have his third run of the season Sunday, having finished a useful seventh behind stablemate and G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile favourite Beauty Generation (NZ) in the G3 Sha Tin Trophy H. in October ahead of an improved third to his barn companion Eagle Way (Aus) (More Than Ready) in the G2 BOCHK Jockey Club Cup Nov. 18. [\(Click to return to p1\)](#)

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### DE SOUSA DOUBLES, TAKES DOWN THE LONGINES IJC by Alan Carasso

Brazilian-born Silvestre de Sousa, the leading jockey in England in 2015, 2017 and again this past season, racked up a pair of winners, a second and a third and amassed 34 points to easily outdistance Ireland's Colin Keane (16 points) en route to victory in the Longines International Jockeys' Championship on an intermittently rainy Wednesday evening at Hong Kong's iconic Happy Valley Racecourse. [Cont. p13](#)



Silvestre de Sousa reigns supreme in the IJC | HKJC photo

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**Longines International Jockeys' Championship Cont.**

Keane, the champion Irish apprentice of 2014 and the 2017 leading journeyman jockey, landed the first blow in the competition in a Class 4 over the 1000 metres, producing second-time starter Special Stars (Aus) (Kuroshio {Aus}) from the tail of the field for a 1 1/4-length success as the 18-5 favourite ([video](#)). De Sousa got on the board with a runner-up effort atop 21-1 Midnight Rattler (Aus) (Clang {Aus}).

De Sousa got his picture taken in the second leg of the series, a Class 4 over an extended mile, kicking 5-1 chance Glory Star (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) straight into the lead from the outside barrier in the field of 12 and making all the running for a 1 1/2-length defeat of the Javier Castellano-ridden Good For You (NZ) (Thorn Park {Aus}) ([video](#)). Keane once again came from well back astride C P Power (Aus) (Nadeem {Aus}) for third place and four points.

Castellano put a positive ride on Curling Luxury (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}) in the third race of the sequence, also a C4 over the 1650m, and nearly stole the race at odds of 12-1, but Vincent Ho, a graduate of the Hong Kong Jockey School, came charging late to take it in a blanket finish ([video](#)) De Sousa could have clinched the IJC, but his favoured mount All You Know (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) could do no better than a close third after a rails rally inside the final 100 metres.

De Sousa and trainer John Moore will team up in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase with Siu Pak Kwan's in-form Eagle Way (Aus) (More Than Ready). Experto Crede (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), trained by Moore for Edmond Siu, sealed the deal in the series finale, sneaking up the fence to post a 20-1 upset from market leader Bank On Red (Hat Trick {Jpn}) ([video](#)). Ho and Castellano finished on 12 points, but the former was awarded third place on the strength of his riding victory in race three. Castellano entered the final leg with a remote chance of victory in the series, but would have needed a victory and help from others.

"I have to pinch myself that it all went so smoothly tonight, you can't buy moments like this," said de Sousa. "The atmosphere was amazing, and you could hear the crowd cheering behind you. Obviously you need luck on a night like this, but to beat jockeys of the quality in this field is something really special."

Announced attendance on the evening was 30,174 and betting turnover on the nine-race program was HK\$1.348 billion (£135.4m/€152.1m/A\$237.3m/US\$172.6m).

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2	Ibn Malik (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Curtis	Al Mheiri	125
3	Almanaara (Ire)	Shamardal	O'Neill	Watson	125
4	Wasim (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Veron	Mohammed	125
5	Drafted	Field Commission	Hitchcott	Watson	125
6	Circle Dream (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	O'Shea	Seemar	125
7	Dutch Masterpiece (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Cosgrave	Ramadhan	125
8	Kimbear	Temple City	Dobbs	Watson	128
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## ROSEHILL RACE TO SHAKE-UP SPRING



The crowd cheers dual The Everest hero Redzel | Bronwen Healy

by Bren O'Brien

A new A\$7.5m race for 4-year-olds at Rosehill is the centrepiece of a move to extend the Sydney spring into November. Racing NSW has doubled down on its commitment to the Sydney spring carnival, with Australia's second richest race, the A\$7.5m Golden Eagle for 4-year-olds, to be run at Rosehill over 1500m on the same day as VRC Derby Day at Flemington.

The Golden Eagle will now be linked with the two other marquee Rosehill races, the G1 Golden Rose, for 3-year-olds, and the G1 Golden Slipper S., for 2-year-olds, as part of the Golden Slam, with a A\$5-million bonus on offer for any horse that can win those three races over consecutive seasons.

Racing NSW also confirmed that another new race, the Bondi S., will be held the week prior worth A\$1 million for 3-year-olds, while the existing 2-year-old race, the Golden Gift, will also be worth A\$1 million and be held a week after the Golden Eagle.

With Australia's richest race, The Everest, to be held on Oct. 19 in 2019, it means that the Sydney spring will now extend to 10 weeks and overlaps directly with the peak races of the Melbourne spring carnival, including the Melbourne Cup carnival at Flemington.

"The Golden Eagle is the first feature race on the Australian racing calendar exclusively for 4-year-old horses," Russell Balding, Racing NSW chairman, said. "We believe The Golden Eagle will be attractive in retaining our top 3-year-olds to race on as 4-year-olds and benefit the racing industry, underpinning the strength of racing in NSW and Australia more broadly."

Racing NSW CEO Peter V'landys, the brainchild of the concept, confirmed the new race will be funded by new revenues into the NSW racing industry, with exact details to come in the following weeks. 10% of prizemoney, around A\$750,000, will be distributed to charities, with owners nominating the registered charity they wish to donate to.

### *Rosehill Key to Western Drive*

V'landys said the location of the new race at Rosehill was part of a concerted push to promote the sport in Sydney's booming western suburbs.

"We want to bring another major event to the western suburbs of Sydney. In the Golden Eagle, we have provided a race that is also a celebration of the west of Sydney," he said. "Now having the third richest race on turf in the world behind The Everest and France's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Sydney's west has the perfect day to celebrate," he said.

Balding said that continued innovation was crucial to racing remaining relevant to a broader audience. "We've seen the public and the race crowds respond to the Everest. These initiatives announced will ensure that spring will be an even more exciting time for racing in Sydney and in particular Western Sydney," he said. "What we've announced today will not only be good for NSW and Sydney, but it will be good for Australian racing. **Cont. p2**

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**The Golden Eagle Cont. from p1**

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**Carnival Clashes Good for Racing**

Balding dismissed any suggestion that the establishment of feature races in conflict with the heart of the Melbourne spring risked damaging the overall strength of Australian racing.

"Racing is a very competitive sport and this is also in the heart of our spring carnival. We believe we need to expand and strengthen our spring carnival, and that's for the benefit of racing in NSW, but I also think it will complement racing in Australia," he said.

Balding said the increased turnover and interest in racing from the first two runnings of The Everest, which clashed with the Caulfield Guineas, showed there was benefit to everyone from extending the Sydney spring.

**What's in a Name?**

The Golden Eagle name was selected from around 20 suggested to a focus group.

"You need a name that is going to have international attraction. People have to know what it means," V'landys said. "It's a bird that flies high and we are hoping that Sydney racing with this initiative will fly high."

More importantly, V'landys is confident that the concept will incentivise trainers and owners to race on with their horses into their 4-year-old year.

"We lose millions and millions of dollars in turnover and betting revenue with horses who don't continue to race. I've always been told, by trainers of the highest ilk that a horse is at its peak as a 4-year-old," he said.

**Bondi a Lure for 3-year-olds**

The formation of the Bondi S. will provide incentives for horses who come through the feature 3-year-old races of the early Sydney spring such as the Golden Rose S. and the Flight S., to campaign on in Sydney.

Balding also said the boost given to the 1100m Golden Gift, which was first run in 2015, would provide a focal point for 2-year-olds in the spring.

"It creates a significant highlight race for 2-year-olds at that time of year," he said. "With prizemoney of A\$1m, it will virtually ensure that the first two horses will qualify for the Golden Slipper and other feature races for 2-year-olds in the autumn."

Racing NSW are expected to make further significant announcements regarding spring programming and the funding of the Golden Eagle over the coming months.

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Date	Race	Track
Dec. 8	Kingston Town Classic	Ascot
Feb. 9	C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
Feb. 16	Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 23	Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	Futurity S.	Caulfield
	Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
Mar. 2	Chipping Norton S.	Warwick Farm
	Surround S.	Warwick Farm
	Australian Guineas	Flemington
Mar. 9	Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	Canterbury S.	Randwick