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TDN Q&A

Dr. Scott Palmer, a renowned veterinarian from New Jersey, was appointed last week by New York



Governor Andrew Cuomo to be the state's Equine Medical Director. Palmer brings more than three decades of distinguished service to the position in all types of medical care for horses and will be charged with overseeing the health and welfare of all equines, Thoroughbred and Standardbred, at the state's racetracks. Palmer was selected from an international pool of candidates by a blue-ribbon committee of veterinarians and other industry

professionals. Palmer sat down last week with the TDN to field a series of questions.

You've just been named the Equine Medical Director for the State of New York. Tell us what that means?

The New York State Equine Medical Director is a joint appointment as an adjunct professor at Cornell University in the department of Population Medicine and Diagnostic Services and Chief Veterinarian for the New York State Gaming Commission.

What do you see as your typical day-to-day duties?

My days are quite busy and varied. I have four areas of responsibility: they include responsibility for the health care of racehorses and supervision of regulatory veterinarians at all 11 New York racetracks, supervision of the NYS Diagnostic and Testing Laboratory as well as advising the Gaming Commission on matters of health and safety at the New York racetracks, providing recommendations to the Gaming Commission in the process of rulemaking and adjudication of regulatory matters pertaining to equine medical issues, creating educational programs for New York horse trainers and veterinarians, and coordinating and directing research into sports medicine topics that will lead to innovative means to reduce injuries and enhance equine health and safety. This job requires me to visit all of the New York racetracks.

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SOUTH AFRICA WELL REPRESENTED IN FORT

Trainer Mike de Kock boasts a record five victories in the G2 Al Fahidi Fort S., and South African-trained horses have won an impressive eight of the last 11 runnings of this event. With three Mike de Kock trainees signed on for Meydan's Thursday feature and G1 Vodacom Durban July hero **Heavy Metal (Saf)** (Silvano {Ger}) representing owner Chris van Niekerk and trainer Sean Tarry, there's a good chance South Africa's domination will continue. Leading the de Kock charge is Wilgebosdrift Stud, et al's **Gale Force Ten (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), last seen finishing fourth in the G1 Prix de Moulin de Longchamp in September. Second to Magician (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas last May, his last victory came over this trip in Royal Ascot's G3 Jersey S. in June. "This was always the plan to start Gale Force Ten off here," said de Kock, whose first win here came in 2003 with Ipi Tombe (Zim) (Manshood {GB}). "Like all mine who have been through quarantine, he is likely to need his first run."



Gale Force Ten (GB)
Racing Post Photo

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Horse Greeley

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Tom Voss
Horsephotos

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Lou Raffetto has been named president of YUP racing, the Chinese language ADW platform and racing news website unveiled last month by Singpoli Capitol Corporation and Xpressbet LLC.

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Justina Severni reviews the initial offering from Esquire Network's *Horseplayers*.

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SALE PREVIEW

CAPE SALE KICKS OFF TONIGHT

By Kelsey Riley

The Southern Hemisphere yearling sales circuit moves to South Africa today for the two-session Cape Premier Yearling Sale in Cape Town. With a boutique catalogue of 202 youngsters on offer, shoppers are sure to have plenty to choose from, with both local and international leading sires represented as well as some of the best female families in the book.



Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate Soft Falling Rain
Racing Post

The Cape Premier Yearling Sale, as well as its parent company Cape Thoroughbred Sales, is still very much in its infancy, as it stages just its fourth renewal this year. The sale's flagship horse has thus far been **Soft Falling Rain (SAf)** (National Assembly), South Africa's Group 1-

winning champion 2-Year-Old who also took last year's G2 Godolphin Mile and G3 UAE 2000 Guineas in Dubai and G2 Joel S. in England. Soft Falling Rain was purchased from the first edition of the sale by Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum for R350,000 (*about US\$33,000*). His half-brother by leading local sire Dynasty (SAf) ([lot 89](#)) is one of this year's highlights on

paper, as are [lot 53](#), a Giant's Causeway filly out of Captain's Lover (SAf) (Captain Al {SAf}), a Group 1-winner in South Africa, Group 3 winner in France and listed winner in the U.S.; [lot 62](#), a son of Captain Al who is the third foal out of dual South African champion Dancer's Daughter (GB) (Act One {GB}), whose second foal sold for R2 million here last year; [lot 124](#), a Jay Peg (SAf) colt out of a winning half-sister to dual South African Horse of the Year Variety Club (SAf) (Var), and [lot 143](#), a Trippi half-brother to multiple Group 1 winner Jackson (SAf) (Dynasty {SAf}).

Adrian Todd, Chief Operating Officer of Cape Thoroughbred Sales, noted that refining of the catalogue and a focus on quality has produced one of the best books yet for Cape Premier Yearling Sale.

"We're very satisfied with the quality of the catalogue this year; we think it's one of the strongest catalogues we've ever had," Todd said. "We had quite a larger number of horses when [the sale] first started. We purposely trimmed it down to make it elite and high quality. I think the vendors have also changed the way they select their horses and prep them to get them ready for January. Every year it's been an improvement to the next level."



Adrian Todd
Liesl King

February Sale



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Cape Sale cont.

The Cape Premier Yearling Sale is unique in that it takes place at the Cape Town International Convention Center in the middle of one of the world's most vibrant and bustling cities. For two days each January, the convention center is transformed, as portable stalls are erected, a stage brought in to serve as a sales ring and tables set up to accommodate shoppers in a theater-like atmosphere, with food and wine flowing freely as bidding escalates.

In their spare time, visitors will have the chance to take in the sights of Cape Town, one of the world's most popular tourist destinations. Cape Town recently topped the *New York Times* '52 Places to Go in 2014', and indeed it is a city bursting with colorful social and cultural experiences, as well as excellent dining and shopping.



The convention center transformed
Cape Thoroughbred Sales

The sale will also surely receive a boost by the performance of South African horses abroad.

Despite the disadvantage of facing lengthy quarantine periods due to the endemic African Horse Sickness, South African horses continue to thrive on the global stage, and 2013 was an especially fruitful year.

It started with a pair of victories on the Dubai World Cup undercard by **Shea Shea (SAf)** (National Emblem {SAf}) in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint and Soft Falling Rain in the G2 Godolphin Mile, and ended with the latter's victory in the G2 Joel S. in September. In between, Shea Shea was beaten just a neck and a half-length, respectively, in Royal Ascot's G1 King's Stand S. and York's G1 Nunthorpe S., and **The Apache (SAf)** (Mogok) hit the line first in the G1 Arlington Million, only to be demoted for drifting out on Real Solution (Kitten's Joy) in the final strides.

Todd noted that these types of performances should make South African horses even more appealing to the Premier Sale's international buyers.

"Given the performances of South African horses abroad, I think more and more South African pedigrees are appealing in their own right to international buyers," he said.

The Cape Premier Yearling Sale has been a popular destination for international buyers since its inception, something that Todd noted doesn't look likely to change this year.

"We're more than satisfied with the interest shown by buyers, both local and international," he said. "There are a number of international buyers that have been attending our sales for years and they have returned, and there are also some interesting new faces here."

The sale starts at 6 p.m. local time tonight and tomorrow evening. For the full catalogue, visit www.capethoroughbredsales.com.

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[watch race]

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[watch race]

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A Million Reasons to Buy...

Cape Thoroughbred Sales stunned the South African industry in late October when unveiling its plan to host a \$1-million race, The CTS Million Dollar, in January 2016 for graduates of its Cape Premier and March Yearling Sale. The CTS Million Dollar, to be contested over 1400 meters at Kenilworth in January, will be the richest race ever contested in Africa, the most valuable race on the continent until now being the R3.5 million (about US\$324,000) G1 Durban July. The winner will receive \$500,000, and the vendor of the winning horse will get a \$10,000 bonus.

Cape Thoroughbred Sales Chief Operating Officer Adrian Todd noted that it has always been a goal of the organization to boost the sales industry in South Africa, and that's how the idea for the CTS Million Dollar was born.

"Ever since the conception of the Premier Yearling Sale and the advent of Cape Thoroughbred Sales, we've always tried and strived to take sales in South Africa to the next level," Todd explained. "We're always looking for new, innovative ideas to improve the market for both the buyers and the vendors, and I think this is something that will benefit both. We came up with the idea to push everything to the next level--to attract the highest-quality horses and create added incentive for buyers to buy at our sales. It was an idea we had to try to lift the game, so to speak."

Todd pointed out that despite fluctuations in exchange rates, the race will always be worth \$1 million. The South African Rand, which hit five-year lows earlier this month, currently sits at R10.85/\$1.

Of the decision to make the race 1400 meters, Todd said they felt it was the distance that would suit the greatest number of the sale's graduates.

"I believe 1400 meters is the distance that gives the majority of horses a chance," he said. "If you had it at a mile, you would be excluding a lot of horses. If you had it at 1200 meters, you would also be excluding a lot of horses. I think 1400 meters is the distance that gives more opportunity for the broad base of horses that are in the sale."

To qualify their purchases for the race, buyers at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale must opt to pay an R5,000 (US\$461) fee per horse at the time of purchase. At the March Sale, it will cost both the buyer and vendor R5,000 per horse. From 2015 onwards, the buy-in at the Premier Sale for both buyer and vendor will be R15,000 (US\$1,385) per horse, while at the March Sale it will be R10,000 (US\$923) for both the buyer and vendor.

Out of America...

Klawervlei Stud has a history of cultivating some of the best bloodlines in South Africa. The farm, situated North East of Cape Town, has bred and raised nine Group 1 winners, including G1 Cape Derby winner Big City Life (SAf) (Casey Tibbs {Ire}) and G1 Al Quoz Sprint hero Shea Shea (SAf) (National Emblem {SAf}). In 2010, however, the farm kicked off a new venture that saw the Klawervlei team travel to Keeneland

November, where they purchased four in-foal mares. After letting the mares foal out in the U.S., Klawervlei bred them back on Southern Hemisphere time, three to Distorted Humor and one to Speightstown, before shipping them back to South Africa to foal. The resulting foals are being offered over the next two evenings at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale. They are [lot 73](#), a filly by Distorted Humor out of a half-sister to G1 Ascot Gold Cup winner Estimate (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) purchased for \$150,000; [lot 144](#), a Distorted Humor colt out of Ms Blue Blood (A.P. Indy), a half-sister to GI Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos bought for \$190,000; [lot 178](#), a son of Speightstown out of Rubicat (Storm Cat), a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Strut the Stage (Theatrical) from the family of champion and Grade I winner Chief Bearhart (Chief's Crown) and Grade I winner Private Zone (Macho Uno) purchased for \$200,000; and [lot 184](#), a Distorted Humor filly from the family of British Group 1 winners Duke of Marmalade (Ire) (Danehill) and Ruler of the World (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), bought for \$110,000.

Explaining the farm's reasons for deciding to import American-bred mares, John Koster, Managing Director and part-owner of Klawervlei, said: "American female lines have done extremely well in South Africa. When you look at America, it's all about the speed, so that was the reason we went there that specific year, was to get as many American lines as we could."

Koster explained that when the mares traveled to South Africa, they were placed in Klawervlei's state-registered pregnant mare quarantine facility, where they foaled down. They have since produced foals by South African stallions, and the results have been such that the Klawervlei team returned to Keeneland November again last year and bought five more mares to run through the same program.

"The whole idea is to boost the South African broodmare band," Koster said. "We can't shuttle our stallions, so the only way we can really improve our broodmare genes is to buy these mares from overseas."



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Out of America cont.

We've bought a lot of mares in Europe and we've decided to go the American route, and it's really paid off when you look at the specimens we've got and the female lines we've been able to get."

"All four are really, really nice specimens," he added. "It doesn't often happen in this country that one can get purebred American yearlings at a sale like this, so they've attracted a lot of interest from the international people especially that have been coming down here."

The Klawervlei youngsters are not the only ones in the catalogue representing U.S.-based sires. Giant's Causeway is represented by lot 53, listed above, and Tapit is the sire of [lot 97](#), filly out of the U.S.-bred Granny Leah (Orientate), a daughter of South African champion Harry's Charm (SAf). [Click here to share this story.](#)

OBITUARIES

THOMAS VOSS, 63

Veteran flat and steeplechase trainer Thomas H. Voss passed away at his home in Monkton, Maryland, Tuesday night. He was 63. Voss started out as an amateur rider, before his weight got the best of him and he switched to training in 1973. He trained over 700 winners with purse earnings in excess of \$17.3 million. His best flat trainee was John's Call (Lord At War), winner of the 2000 GI Turf Classic Invitational S. and GI Sword Dancer S. and third in that year's GI Breeders' Cup Turf en route to earnings over \$1.5 million. Other graded stakes winners trained by Voss include Dreadnaught (Lac Ouimet) and Always First (Barathea {Ire}).



Tom Voss
Horsephotos

Voss, a longtime fixture during the Saratoga meet, collected five National Steeplechase championships and trained Slip Away (Skip Away) to win an Eclipse Award as champion steeplechaser in 2010. Victorious in the Maryland Hunt Cup in 1998 and 1999 with Florida Law (Wardlaw) and Welter Weight (Fit to Fight), he also won the GI American Grand National at Far Hills, New Jersey, with Quel Senor (Tel Quel {FR}) in 2001 and Your Sum Man (Pistolet Bleu {Ire}) in 2009. Voss also served as joint-master of the Elkridge-Harford Hunt for many years and was a noted land preservationist. His farm, Atlanta Hall, is the location of the annual Elkridge-Hartford Point-to-Point. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Edward S. Voss, wife Mimi, daughter Elizabeth Murray, son Sam Voss, stepson Matthew McKnight and grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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CANADIAN CHAMPION WANDO DIES

Wando (Langfuhr--Kathie's Colleen, by Woodman), a multiple Canadian champion and Triple Crown winner, died yesterday at his birthplace at Schonberg Farm in Ontario, Canada, of a suspected heart attack at the age of 14. Racing as a homebred for Gustav Schickedanz, who also bred both his sire and dam, Wando was a first-out winner as a juvenile for trainer Mike Keogh at Woodbine, and added the Vandal S. by 7 3/4 lengths next out. He added the GII Grey Breeders' Cup S. before the season was out, and was pegged as an early favorite for the Queen's Plate, Canada's most important race. After missing by a neck in his sophomore debut, Wando won five straight stakes, including a sweep of Canada's Triple Crown with a nine-length wire-to-wire romp in the Queen's Plate, an eased-down victory in the slop in the Prince of Wales S., and a similarly effortless score in the Breeders' S. when switched to the turf. Wando was Canada's seventh and most recent Triple Crown winner. Those exploits earned him Sovereign Awards as that year's Canadian Horse of the Year and Champion 3-Year-Old Colt. Wando opened his 4-year-old campaign with a victory in a Keeneland allowance before adding two victories at Woodbine, including the Mt. Sassafras S., later in the year. He was retired due to a suspensory injury after an abbreviated 5-year-old campaign, and went to stud with 11 wins from 23 starts and earnings of \$2,563,038.



Wando with owner/breeder Gustav Schickedanz
Horsephotos



Canadian Champion Wando Dies cont.

Wando stood his first five seasons at Lane's End Farm before returning to Schonberg Farm, where he stood since 2011. His best progeny has been GI Woodbine Mile victor and GI Breeders' Cup Mile runner-up Turallure. He is also the sire of stakes winner Wando Woman and Grade I-placed Associate. Wando will be buried at Schonberg Farm.



A TRIBUTE TO WANDO

by Kelsey Riley

Our job as journalists is to be objective, as it should be, but I could not let this occasion pass without sharing some of my personal feelings about Wando, who died suddenly today at the age of 14. A simple obituary is not enough to describe the horse that, to me, embodies everything that is great about horse racing.

Wando emerged into the spotlight of Canadian racing when I was 14 years old. At that point I had just been hit by the racing bug, and the gorgeous and brilliant front-running chestnut stole my heart the instant I laid



Wando & I

eyes on him, and my love only grew from there. You see, the first thing that is special about Wando is his raw ability. After a career as a top-class 2-year-old, he went on to sweep Canada's Triple Crown—three races in the space of seven weeks at 1 1/4-miles on dirt, 1 3/16 miles on dirt and 1 1/2 miles on the turf. He also won stakes races at as short as six furlongs.

Anyone remotely familiar with horse racing knows that this kind of versatility represents a rare type of talent.

The second thing that was special about Wando was his people. One of my favorite things about the racing industry is that even those without the advantage of family involvement can reach the top, if they are willing to work hard, because those in racing are so passionate about it that they are willing to help those who share their passion and drive. I found this character in bucketloads in Wando's humans. I met Wando's trainer, Mike Keogh, and his wife Lou, at Keeneland just before the start of the horse's 4-year-old campaign, and after telling them that Wando was my favorite horse, they invited me to visit again at their barn at Woodbine when they returned. I took up the offer, and that's where I met owner Gus Schickedanz and Lauri Kenny, the manager of Gus's Schonberg Farm, where he bred Wando, as well as Langfuhr, Langfuhr's dam, and Wando's dam.

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Stay Thirsty	2	17	\$15,000
The Factor	2	13	\$15,000
Caleb's Posse	2	19	\$5,000
Bodemeister	1	6	\$30,000
Creative Cause	1	10	\$15,000
Gemologist	1	7	\$15,000
Tapizar	1	14	\$15,000
Jersey Town	1	21	\$10,000
Dialed In	1	7	\$7,500
Brilliant Speed	1	21	\$5,000

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A Tribute to Wando cont.

I was extended another invite, this time to visit Schonberg Farm, and when I arrived there a month later, I was certain I had just been plunked in the middle of my wildest dream. I knew for sure I must be dreaming when Lauri suggested that on my next summer break I could work at the farm. I took up his offer and stayed for five years, never losing the excitement of spending time with Wando, his dam and slew of sisters, Lauri, Gus, Mike, and the many other friends I made along the way. My job at Schonberg Farm propelled me to a season at Lane's End prior to being accepted to the Darley Flying Start course in the summer of 2010. I have always been convinced that my career would not have reached the heights that it has without Wando and his people.

The third thing that was special about Wando was Wando himself. He was described by his racetrack groom, Amanda Erwin, as a kind horse to care for, and that disposition, amazingly, carried over into his stud career. Even as a breeding stallion, he was the most loving, gentle horse one could imagine. I haven't lived in Canada for three

years, but every time I went back to visit I would visit Schonberg Farm and naturally, Wando, who would allow me to walk out to meet him in his paddock, throw my arms around his neck and run my hands all over him. Last summer, I jumped up on his back while he



ate from his fence feeder. Even that was acceptable.

I could go on, but there are not enough words to describe how I feel about Wando. He was an icon, a companion, and a special friend I knew would always be ready for a hug, no matter how long I'd been away. I still cannot believe that today I have written his obituary, and that he will not be there waiting for me the next time I go home. Rest in peace my beautiful friend.

BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

South Africa Well Represented in Fort cont.

One who won't need the race is Mohammed Khaleel Ahmed's **Anaerobio (Arg)** (Catcher in the Rye {Ire}), a course-and-distance handicap winner Jan. 9. "Anaerobio won well two weeks ago and delighted us," said de Kock of the old veteran, who was a handicap winner from five tries at Meydan last season. "When he arrived in Dubai, we really thought he was a Classic hope, but he missed that year and it took a long time to get him back near his best. This is the obvious place to test him over his optimum conditions."

Kavanagh (SAf) (Tiger Ridge}) rounds out Team de Kock off a fifth-place run in the Dubawi S. a week ago. That race was run going a furlong shorter and on the main track. This event has been shortened this year by 200 meters. Heavy Metal, South Africa's leading money earner in 2012-13, could find himself running out of real estate. "The 1400 meters will be short of his best, however, he is well and should be running on at the end," acknowledged Tarry. "Hopefully he will pick up a piece of the pie."

Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 11:50 a.m. EST

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT.
1	1	Anaerobio (Arg)	Ctchr In the Rye (Ire)	Soumillon	de Kock	126
2	2	Fulbright (GB)	Excd & Excl (Aus)	Barzalona	Appleby	126
3	3	Mshawish (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Dettori	Dlzangles	126
4	4	Mustaheel (Ire)	Lawman (Fr)	Ffrench	Al Raihe	126
5	5	Pearl Flute (Ire)	Piccolo (GB)	Spencer	Graffard	126
6	6	Kavanagh (SAf)	Tiger Ridge	Thulliez	de Kock	126
7	7	Heavy Metal (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Geroudis	Tarry	131
8	8	Tamaathul (GB)	Tiger Hill (Ire)	Hanagan	Al Raihe	126
9	9	Iguazu Falls	Pivotal (GB)	de Vries	Harmash	126
10	10	Dux Scholar (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Dobbs	Watson	126
11	11	Dafeef (GB)	Medicean (GB)	O'Neill	Watson	126
12	12	Roi De Vitesse (Ire)	Chineur (Fr)	Bentley	Jan	126
13	13	Gale Force Ten (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Cosgrave	de Kock	126
14	14	Le Drakkar (Aus)	Anabaa	O'Shea	bin Huzaim	126

Friday, Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates, post time: 3:30 p.m.

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Atlantic Brave (GB)	Piccolo (GB)	Ffrench	Al Muhairi	126
2	6	Colmar Kid (Ire)	Choisir (Aus)	De Sousa	Al Muhairi	126
3	5	Dream Tune (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	O'Shea	Oertel	126
4	2	Farrier (K)	Tapit	Mullen	Seemar	126
5	7	Forjatt (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Doyle	Selvaratnam	126
6	4	Gold Pearl (K)	Henny Hughes	Monaghan	Seemar	126
7	8	Haatheq	Seeking the Gold	Hanagan	Al Raihe	126
8	1	Straight Talk (Ire)	Refuse To Bend (Ire)	Twstn-Dvs	Al Muhairi	126

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Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST

SANTA MONICA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 lotapa (K)	Afleet Alex	Bejarano	Sadler	118
2 Teddy's Promise	Salt Lake	Espinoza	Ellis	118
3 Lexington Pearl (K)	Elusive Quality	Talamo	Miller	118
4 Heir Kitty	Wildcat Heir	Stevens	Miller	123
5 Socialbug (K)	Curlin	Garcia	Baffert	118
6 Scherzinger	Tiz Wonderful	Smith	Hlindrfr	118
7 Winding Way	Malibu Moon	Baze	Proctor	118

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 3:53 p.m. EST

ENDEAVOUR S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Moment in Dixie	Dixieland Band	Trujillo	Toner	116
2 Seattle Me Up	Point Given	Bernal	Durr	116
3 Floral Romance	After Market	Centeno	Mott	116
4 Sca Doodle (K)	Scat Daddy	Boulanger	Vella	116
5 Cloud Scapes	Smart Strike	Rodriguez	Motion	116
6 Final Escrow	Bernardini	Gallardo	Delacour	118
7 Donna's Fly Girl	Kitalpha	Marin	Aschngr	116
8 Rare Event (K)	A.P. Indy	St. Julien	Oliver	116
9 Action Lady	Action This Day	Santos	Norris	118
10 Wholottashakin (K)	Scat Daddy	Garcia	Bush	116
11 Left a Message (K)	Mr. Greeley	Hamilton	Proctor	116
12 Dream Clover (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Garcia	Shpprd	116
13 Liberty Girl (K)	A. P. Warrior	Allen Jr.	Harty	116



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Hui has already seen success in the racing business with his first Breeders' Cup entry, Diamond Bachelor (War Front), who finished ninth in last years GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

"This is a man who really loves racing," Raffetto said of Hui. "He had Diamond Bachelor in the Breeders' Cup and he would like to get more involved in racing and specifically get the Chinese more involved. He started Diamond 100 Racing which is going to involve high-level partnerships that will involve a series of substantial purchases that would eventually race or breed. The idea is to take the operation and look for other opportunities to make a business out of it, but at the same time help racing grow at a very difficult time."

Raffetto sees big things in the future for Yup Racing, and, hopefully, for horse racing in general.

"To me it's exciting because there are so many possibilities," he said. "We want to get a multitude of people involved in racing on the ownership side and again stimulating interest to go to the track and just be a part of the racing culture." -*Catlyn Spivey*

NEWS TODAY

RAFFETTO NAMED YUP RACING PRESIDENT

Singpoli Capitol Corporation and Xpressbet LLC, which last month revealed they were entering a partnership to provide a Chinese language Advanced Deposit Wagering platform and racing news to the Chinese American community, announced yesterday the appointment of Lou Raffetto Jr. as president of Yup Racing.

Raffetto, most recently president of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, was approached by Singpoli CEO and horse owner Kin Hui with the idea of getting the Chinese community more involved in American racing. Raffetto began consulting with the group in March 2013 and had the group's website up and running by the end of the year.

"We sat down back in March to discuss the concept and how we could go about it," said Raffetto. "Patrick Biancone, Kin Hui's trainer, was actually the one who made the introduction. Kin Hui was looking to help racing by bringing more Chinese in and the ADW may be one way to do it. Subsequently, we developed a concept, partnered with Xpressbet, and got up and running Dec. 26."

YUPRacing.com may be just the beginning for Hui and Raffetto. By providing a portal into racing for Chinese Americans, they hope to expand their market and develop a syndicate which will serve a wide variety of investors.

RACETRACK ROUND UP

Dettori Doubles Up On Dream Return...

Courtesy PA Sport

Frankie Dettori described winning on his comeback ride from a broken ankle at Lingfield as a "fairytale" yesterday as the veteran gears up for another year in the saddle. Back months ahead of the initial prognosis from the accident at Nottingham Oct. 2 which ruled him out of the winning G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe ride on Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}), Dettori's talent appeared undiminished as he galvanised Eco Warrior (Ire) (Echo of Light {GB}) home from the front in the coral.co.uk Median Auction Maiden.

As always, the 43-year-old added his unmistakable brand of glamour to proceedings, signing autographs and spraying young participants of the Racing To School initiative with champagne on the podium before going on to complete a double on the second of three booked mounts.



Dettori Doubles Up On Dream Return cont.

"I'm knackered," Dettori said with a smile as he returned to Eco Warrior's trainer, John Hills, having made nearly all the running over a mile and a half and pushing the 8-1 shot out a neck in front.



Dettori celebrates after Eco Warrior's victory
Racing Post Photo

Dettori then happily expanded on his hopes for the coming season to the waiting media.

"It's silly, but I was nervous this morning," he said. "As much as I would be riding in a big race. You're hoping your legs hold up, and your fitness. I'm probably back about a week or 10 days before I'd planned, but some good horses are coming up now, so I had to speed up my routine."

Dettori added, "That was a big pipe-opener and I'll keep myself busy, it's the mental awareness of racing, that's

what you have to sharpen up."

As well as his ankle issue, Dettori served a six-month ban for being found guilty of taking a prohibited substance last year.

With both issues behind him, he is lined up to ride a number of high-profile horses, including Treve, in his role as retained jockey to the Qatari Sheikh Joaan Al Thani. He was jetting off to Dubai after racing Wednesday in order to link up with the owner's Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro) at Meydan today.

"I was away for the New Year and I told my family to throw the diary of 2013 in the bin, I don't want to remember any of it," he said. "I was at a disadvantage last season as I started halfway through and I was chasing my tail. This year I can start at the same time as the rest and can enjoy it better. I can pace myself."

"This year is a completely different story," he continued. "I never thought I'd be back in January, but I've got a lot to look forward to. I've got a great job. I'll be riding a bit in Dubai, Qatar and Saudi Arabia and then the French season starts earlier than England."

He noted, "Treve is the highest-rated horse in training, but those kinds of memories are miles away. I just want to work on my fitness."

Dettori scored a second victory on the card just two races later when Paul and Susan Roy's Gone With The Wind (Ger) (Dutch Art {GB}) broke his maiden for conditioner Jeremy Noseda.

"I started riding out for Jeremy and I rode this horse," Dettori stated. "Jeremy said 'He's running next week, do you want to ride him?' He worked well, so I said yes. He gave me an easier ride than the first one, and I'm still 100%!"

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Scott Palmer Q & A

Cont. from p1

Other jurisdictions have long had an EMD. Why do you think NY is deciding to do so now?

Last year Governor Cuomo made sweeping changes of the New York horseracing industry that included appointment of a Task Force on Equine Health and Safety. One of the recommendations of that Task Force was to hire an Equine Medical Director.

If you had to identify the most pressing issue facing New York racing right now from an equine health and safety standpoint, what would it be?

I believe there are a number of pressing issues facing New York racing. Many of these issues will be addressed by the implementation of all of the Task Force on Equine Health and Safety recommendations in an effort to provide the safest environment as possible for our horses. As a whole, these recommendations are designed to increase the level of risk aversion by all racing stakeholders.

Can we ask you to name a top 10 list of things to be solved?

10. Communicate the commitment of New York racing to equine welfare-centered reform efforts to our constituents and the general public;

9. Encourage transparency and open communication within the trainer/owner/veterinarian relationship;

8. Improve the keeping and reporting of medical records to enhance the ability of trainers and veterinarians to make informed health care decisions for our racehorses;

7. Create an infectious disease control template for New York Racetracks;

6. Upgrade and standardize the SOPs of State regulatory veterinarians;

5. Create a fair, timely and effective protocol for processing racing violations;

4. Create a required continuing education program for trainers;

3. Achieve accreditation of the New York State Equine Diagnostic and Testing Lab;

2. Adopt Uniform Medication Rules, Laboratory Accreditation and a penalty structure that appropriately addresses the difference between therapeutic overages and treatment with prohibited substances as well as sanctions repeat offenders;

1. Undertake a strategic review of existing state regulatory processes and identify best practices and procedures to support integrity, safety and equine welfare in New York Harness and Thoroughbred racing programs.

His other top performers include:

Declan's Warrior	Won Bay Shore S.-Gr.3, 2 nd Woody Stephens S.-Gr.2
Best Warrior	Won Unicorn S.-Gr.3, 3 rd Tokyo Musashino S.-Gr.3
Ante Up Annie	Won Sarah Lane's Oates S.-L.R., 2 nd Azalea S.-L.R.
Lady Sabelia	Won Safely Kept S.-L.R., 3 rd Willa on the Move S.-L.R.
Cameo Appearance	2 nd Oklahoma Derby-Gr.3, 3 rd Super Derby-Gr.2
Drum Roll	3 rd Sapling S.-Gr.3, 4 th Saratoga Special S.-Gr.2
Macha	3 rd Honeymoon H.-Gr.2
Seasoned Warrior	3 rd Matron S.-Gr.2, 4 th Spinaway S.-Gr.1



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Scott Palmer Q&A cont.

After the breakdowns at the 2011-2012 Aqueduct Fall Meeting, the 2012 New York Task Force on Racehorse Health and Safety made several recommendations. The first among them was that "the protocol requiring the NYRA Veterinary Department to report directly to the NYRA Racing Office is an unacceptable conflict of interest that must be changed immediately." Has this protocol been changed, and if not, why not?

According to NYRA, since late 2012, the NYRA Veterinary Department has reported to the Stewards, as recommended by the Task Force. I will verify this with my gap analysis which I hope to begin next week.

One of your responsibilities is to oversee the NYS equine drug testing program lab. How big a problem do you think illegal medications are in NY racing?

Historically, the number of incidents of detection of illegal substances in New York Racing is very small, but we must remain vigilant in our efforts to deter and to detect those who would seek unfair advantage through the use of illegal medication. World-class testing, however, is not enough. We also need to upgrade our security and enforcement efforts in order to provide a comprehensive effort to ensure integrity of our sport.

The TDN, as well as other publications, has detailed what seems to be a pervasive and growing number of legal medications administered to racehorses, with horses routinely getting a half-dozen injections before and after each race. Do you think that a reliance on an abundance of legal medication is something that needs to be addressed?

The culture of permissive medication in racing is a major concern. The Task Force addressed this issue last year and recommended emergency rule changes by the Racing and Wagering Board to limit the amount of medication administered to horses in the days leading up to the race. However, the actual number of medications administered to horses prior to a race is not really the correct lens through which to view this problem. The more appropriate lens or question is how do we define the appropriate use of medication in horse racing? The AAEP Guidelines for Equine Practitioners in a pari-mutuel environment published in 2009 addressed this issue in the following manner:

'The appropriate use of medication in a racehorse is based upon a thorough veterinary examination of the horse, leading to a diagnosis based on that examination, and administration of ethical treatments, followed by an evaluation of the success of that therapy prior to racing.'

Being "in to go" is not a diagnosis and the question of "is this horse fit to race" should not be answered at 30 to 38 miles per hour in the company of other horses and riders or drivers.

Last week, the owner of The Meadowlands, Jeff Gural, announced he was banning two trainers for the use of cobalt. The RMTC told us that this was a problem in Thoroughbreds as well. Do you agree?

I have no doubt that some trainers are treating their horses with Cobalt in order to gain what they perceive to be a "blood doping-like" effect to seek an edge over their competitors. At this point we do not know how widespread this practice may be. Cobalt, like Magnesium or Iron is an element that is normally found in the blood of both humans and horses. There is very little information available regarding the administration of

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Cobalt to horses. We do know that Cobalt enhances performance by increasing the number of red blood cells in the body. We also know that Cobalt, when given in high doses, has significant toxic side effects in humans. I believe that we still have much to learn about the health risks of treating horses with Cobalt and at what level it should be regulated. I applaud Jeff Gural for taking the lead in this effort. New York is currently taking steps to work with other racing jurisdictions to determine normal blood levels of Cobalt, to document the prevalence of its use in racehorses, and to arrive at an appropriate regulatory threshold.

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Scott Palmer Q&A cont.

Does catching people using drugs like Cobalt and others require the kind of aggressive out-of-competition testing program like Gural has instituted at the Meadowlands and might that be something to be considered in New York as well?

Yes. New York already has a Thoroughbred out-of-competition testing program that is used to test for blood-doping agents such as EPO and its derivatives. The goal of this program is to deter and detect the use of certain proteins or compounds that cause a prolonged performance-enhancing effect, even though the actual levels of the substance disappear rapidly from the blood or urine, making detection by routine race-day sampling difficult or impossible.

One of the ways Gural has been successful is to require anyone looking to take out a license to agree to OOC, along with other integrity-based standards. Is that the sort of thing that might be considered in New York?

This regulatory tool is also being considered for use in New York. However, this regulatory approach is essentially an exercise of the rights of a private property owner and must be applied with appropriate consideration for due process rights of the licensees.

The equine injury database has been a helpful tool in identifying trends. With four years of data now available for review, one of the most striking statistics is the fatal breakdown rate on synthetic surfaces is less than half of what it is on dirt (1.03 fatalities per thousand starters compared to 2.1 on dirt). Yet no racetrack has installed a synthetic surface in years. Why do you think that is?

The data available from The Jockey Club's equine injury database has shown that, in general terms, the number of fatalities can be reduced by racing on a synthetic surface. With that said, we have also learned that while this is true of new installations, over time, synthetic tracks become more dangerous due to loss of material and wear. There are multiple vendors to consider and the cost of installation is more than \$10 million. The negative experience at Santa Anita racetrack last year also raised significant concerns in the industry. Many trainers do not like synthetic surfaces, finding an increase in non-fatal soft tissue injuries when compared to a dirt surface. Finally, the rate of fatal injury of some dirt tracks compares favorably to synthetic surfaces, suggesting that track maintenance is a key ingredient to safety. In our Task Force report, we recommended that NYRA do due diligence in investigating alternatives for installing a synthetic surface in one of the down-state racetracks. Installation of a synthetic surface is currently being considered by NYRA.

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



HORSEPLAYERS FEATURED ON TELEVISION AND DISCUSSED IN DC

"Horseplayers," a new series that follows handicappers on their quest to qualify for the *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship (NHC) presented by Racetrack Television Network, Sovereign Stable and Treasure Island Las Vegas, debuted on Esquire Network January 21, just days before the start of NHC XV this Friday.

Filming of "Horseplayers" took place at handicapping tournaments held around the country at many of the nation's most picturesque venues. The crew filmed cast members at Triple Crown events as well as last weekend's 43rd Annual Eclipse Awards, where Jim Benes, winner of NHC XIV, received an Eclipse Award as Handicapper of the Year.

Horseplayers have long been a primary focus of the NTRA's work in Washington, DC. The NTRA Legislative team is working with senior members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to find ways to minimize the impact of large winning tickets being subjected to onerous income tax withholding and reporting requirements. The team has plans to petition the Department of Treasury for an updated interpretation of the definition of a wager that reflects the shift to exotic wagering. Simultaneously, the NTRA is pursuing a legislative solution to these issues.



For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, director of government relations and membership development, (859) 422-2677 or visit www.SupportHorseRacing.org.

Aqueduct's rates for 2012, the last year in which statistics were available were higher than the national average on dirt and far higher than the synthetic average, at 2.34 fatal breakdowns per starter on Aqueduct's main track and 4.32 on the inner track. Belmont's 1.86 was lower than the national dirt average, but still higher than synthetics. Do those figures play a part in the decision?

Yes, they might. However, you should know that the cause of racing fatalities is multi-factorial. The racing surface is important, but it is only one part of a larger picture of safety best practices. For example, the number of racing fatalities in 2013 was much reduced from 2012 following implementation of many of the Task Force recommendations. There were a total of 48 fatalities in the calendar year 2012 (2.6/1000 starts) and 25 fatalities (1.4/1000 starts) in 2013. That represents a 48% reduction in fatalities from 2012 to 2013 without changing the dirt track to a synthetic surface. Bottom line, I believe that every opportunity to reduce injuries should be carefully considered.

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Scott Palmer Q&A cont.

Do you support transparency in the testing process? It seems a bit of a black box right now.

I am not so sure that transparency in the sense that the public be informed of the analytical details of the testing process of any particular laboratory is appropriate. However, a degree of transparency (or clarity) in the process is important to emphasize the stringent efforts made to ensure integrity of racing by laboratory testing. Independent accreditation of the New York testing laboratory is the most critical part of this process. I believe that the New York fans need to know that the NY lab is performing state-of-the-art testing procedures and uses a strict chain of custody protocol to obtain and process the samples. A good overview of the testing process is available on the website of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium for those who may be interested in learning more about the testing process for horseracing.

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PROMISING DEBUT FOR HORSEPLAYERS

By J.M. Severni

The Esquire Network's *Horseplayers* debuted Tuesday night with an inviting shot of Aqueduct and Peter



Peter Rotondo Sr. & Peter Rotondo Jr.

Rotondo, Jr. stating, "Aqueduct is where the hardcore racing fans come." The first scene sets the tone for the episode--sure, it's a show about horse racing, but it's also meant for entertainment. The show will follow eight gamblers throughout the year as they attempt to qualify for the National Handicapping Championship. The pilot episode, entitled "Mystic Method" began with Team

Rotondo--comprised of Peter, his father Peter Rotondo Sr., and family friend Lee Davis--going over their Cigar Mile Day handicapping options at a local diner. The focus shifts to Santa Anita where Christian Hellmers is making picks for a handicapping contest at the Breeders' Cup. John Conte is later introduced as he orders breakfast at the Aqueduct kitchen before heading to the grandstand for the Cigar Mile card.

Horseplayers, which is produced by Go-Go Lucky--the same company that previously produced Animal Planet's *Jockeys*--is crisply shot. Its visual quality makes both Santa Anita and Aqueduct look equally appealing, which reminds the racing fan that the show is created with entertainment value and mainstream appeal in mind, not necessarily complete factual accuracy.

As with the majority of reality shows, the storyline will be propelled by the characters themselves. The pilot introduced five of the eight featured gamblers. Their personalities cover the spectrum from the affable Rotondo, Jr. to the eccentric Hellmers. Conte, winner of the 2009 National Handicapping Contest, is the only character who possesses the stereotypical qualities of the typical gambler as an older, brazen, Italian-American New Yorker.



John Conte
Esquire Network

Unlike HBO's *Luck*, horse racing's most recent attempt at finding a new audience through television exposure, which was cancelled after its first season and brought an onslaught of unwanted negative attention to the sport, *Horseplayers* looks to be, at worst, harmless and has the potential to attract new fans. The pilot tackled the confusing intricacies of betting--an issue that horse racing generally deals with poorly--with aplomb. Some of the basics of betting were explained throughout the episode without overwhelming the viewer. Conte touched on the ideas of class, pace and trip. Just enough was explained to keep the viewer informed without delving too far into obscure details.

The pilot's faults all stem from inaccuracies and creative licenses. Incorrect odds, most notably when Groupie Doll was listed at 20-1 for the 2012 Cigar Mile, when in fact she was even-money, were strewn throughout the episode. Horses in the Santa Anita paddock were labeled incorrectly and, at one point, a race was spliced with a shot from another race, not to mention Trevor Denman's calls dubbed over by a poor substitute. The inaccuracies will likely be glossed over by the layman, but if one wanted to nitpick, they are there.



Christian Hellmers
Esquire Network

Horseplayers' first crack at portraying the sport and those who gamble on it was, for the most part, successful. The pilot found a balance between popular appeal and the intricacies of the racing industry; the personal lives of characters and their tendencies at the track. With any luck, the show will garner popular appeal throughout the season and enlighten new fans to the excitement and challenge of playing the races.



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Country Day (Speightstown--Hidden Assets by Mt. Livermore) had his first foal when Love in Paris (Not For Love) foaled a dark bay colt Jan. 22. The colt is owned by Tracy Strachan.

IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

Horse Racing Officials to Study Australian Track Ratings

"Senior Racing Victoria and Racing New South Wales officials will on Thursday begin a wide-ranging review of the system of rating tracks in Australia." **Patrick Bartley, The Age**

Usually Calm Victor Carrasco Finds Himself Happily Flummoxed at Eclipse Awards

"In his first year as a jockey, Victor Carrasco had been pinned in and fanned wide. He'd occasionally broken poorly from the gate and sometimes found himself in traffic. Yet, time and time again, Carrasco found a way to win." **Dan Tordjman, The Racing Biz**

'Horseplayers' Got It Right

"Instead, the "Horseplayers" cast consisted of well-scrubbed, articulate and cerebral individuals who know the only way to win is to be smarter than their opponent, the fellow gambler." **Bill Finley, ESPN**

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	Gill Holy Bull S.	GP
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	Gill Endeavour S.	TAM
	Gill Santa Monica S.	SA
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	Gil Arcadia S.	SA
	Gill Toboggan S.	AQU
	Gill Withers S.	AQU
	Gill Hutcheson S.	GP
	Gill Sam F. Davis S.	TAM
Feb. 2	Gill Tampa Bay S.	TAM
	Gil Palos Verdes S.	SA
Feb. 8	Gil Robert B. Lewis S.	SA
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NUMBERS UP FOR JANUARY MIXED SALE

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's January Mixed Sale opened yesterday with a preferred session which saw gains across the board. Out of 254 horses offered, 146 horses sold for a total of \$2,889,700. The average improved 12.3% from last year to \$19,792 and the median was up 25% to \$15,000. Of the 232 horses offered, 80 were RNA'd for a buy-back rate of 35.4%. It was 31.9% a year ago.

Back to Class (Montbrook--Cut Class Leanne, by Cutlass) topped the session late Wednesday when she was hammered down by Adena Springs for \$85,000. The full-sister to Chapel Royal was purchased for \$60,000 as a 2-year-old out of the OBS April Sale and completed her 3-year-old season with a record of 13-2-1-1. "She's a lovely filly," said Brent Fernung of Journeyman Bloodstock, which consigned the topper, who sold as [hip 236](#). "She was stakes placed in the Sorority S. as a 2-year-old," he explained. "There were a lot of different things about her that made her the kind of horse that will do well in Florida. She's a full-sister to Chapel Royal, so she had a lot going for her."

Fernung also consigned the second-highest price of the day in **Missy Rules** (Peace Rules--Missy McKee, by Silver Deputy), who sold for \$80,000 to agent Donato Lanni as [hip 79](#). Fernung was pleased with yesterday's market. "I found the market to be pretty honest," he said. "I sold a couple of broodmare prospects that brought every bit of what I thought they would. If you brought a nice baby or a nice mare in there, you did pretty well today."

Ken and Sarah Ramsey purchased the day's top-priced yearling, going to \$75,000 for a TdM Sales-consigned son of In Summation--Shocking Pink (Jump Start). Catalogued as [hip 149](#), the May 5 foal is out of a half-sister to MGSP Imawildandcrazyguy (Wild Event).

The January Mixed Sale continues with a horses of racing age session today beginning at 10:30 a.m.

REMEDIO ON THE RISE

by Heather Likins

Jockey Maria Remedio has accomplished an impressive feat in the Thoroughbred industry, returning to the saddle after a two-year absence and riding better than ever. From October 2004 through 2009, Remedio earned over \$5.6 million and rode 311 winners while competing at Delaware Park, Parx, Penn National, Laurel, Pimlico, and Monmouth. Her mounts were visiting the winner's circle at a roughly 14% clip.



Maria Remedio
Nathan Perkel

In October 2009, Remedio delivered her first child via C-section, and was planning to ride part-time while being a full-time mom after her recovery. Participating in a different profession never crossed her mind.

"I grew up on a farm my whole life, so I was raised around the horses," said Remedio, now 28 years old. "I've always wanted to be a jockey, and once it's in your blood, it never leaves. It never

left me. I graduated high school and I was in a dental lab, I can make teeth and do the dental route, but nothing holds my interest like the horses. I guess that's why I always go back to being a jockey."

When asked if she did anything special to achieve the level of fitness required to be a jockey again Remedio responded, "I had C-sections for both my kids so I had to wait the time for that. After that, no, just get back on the horse and go."

Remedio stuck to her plan, riding only a handful of races through 2010 and 2011, when she took additional time off to have her second child. Only 39 days later she was winning on King Kobe (Parachutist) for her mother, owner Patty Remedio at Delaware Park, her favorite moment as a race rider.

Remedio resumed her career full-time near the end of 2012 to support her family as a single parent. Business began to pick up as word spread that Remedio hadn't lost her touch. In 2013, she set a personal best single-season earnings record of \$2,797,837, with 95 wins and with 16.2% of her mounts. Nationally, she ranked 97th by earnings. It would be in the 2013 GII Jerome S. that Remedio would finish only a head short of her first graded stakes victory aboard Siete de Oros (A.P. Warrior). **Cont. p2**



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**Remedio cont.**

"I've won some stakes races, but nothing was as exciting as the one in New York," added Remedio.

Since 2012 she has had to balance the challenges of being a single parent and being a full-time working professional. Of course, there is also the issue of being a female jockey in a sport dominated by men.

"I explain it like this," she added. "I go home, everybody else gets to relax, the guys go home, they get to relax, shut off or do whatever they do. I go right into mom mode. I never get a break; it's constant, it's going, going, going, going. And I enjoy it. I want to be around my kids. I want to do things with my kids, so when I'm not racing, it's all about my kids. I want to spend as much time around them as possible."

Remedio continued, "I think my greatest challenge every day is to keep going against the boys. I finished third in the jockeys standings at Parx [2013]. I want to stay in the top five and ride in some stakes races."

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Florida

Yesterday's Results:

7th-TAM, \$24,200, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:19 1/5, ft.

EARLY ENTRY (c, 3, Keyed Entry--Bright 'n Early, by Northern Jove) earned a strong 83 Beyer Speed Figure when graduating at Calder Nov. 17, then was runner-up to the promising Cool Cowboy (Kodiak Kowboy) in the Dec. 7 Inaugural S. at this track. A last-out fourth behind Mighty Brown (Big Brown) in the Pasco S. Jan. 4, the chestnut was 7-10 against decidedly easier here. Sent along to argue the pace from the inside, Early Entry got the jump on Addaquart (Louis Quatorze) into the lane and inched away to score by 1 3/4 lengths. Sales history: \$5,700 wlng '11 OBSOCT; \$32,000 RNA 2yo '13 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$65,820. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#)

O-Tommy Roberts Racing Stable LLC. B-Kathryn Standard (FL). T-Kathleen O'Connell.

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3rd-TAM, \$20,800, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft. + ABOU (f, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--Polish Flower, by Danzig) ran to 4-5 favoritism to open her account at first asking. A half-sister to 2011 GIII Illinois Derby winner Joe Vann (Silver Deputy), \$267,354, Abou jumped on terms and was well held by jockey Antonio Gallardo through an opening quarter mile in :23.20. She took some token pressure to her outside from Rebecca Rusch (Majestic Warrior), but had that one hard at work nearing the stretch. Second choice Cowgirls in Heaven (Gottcha Gold) tried to make a race of it entering the final furlong and a half, but Abou had all the answers and reported home 2 3/4 lengths to the good. Abou, bought back for \$67,000 as a KEESEP yearling, fetched \$155,000 at last year's FTMMAY sale. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or VIDEO.](#) [Share this result.](#)

O-Robert B Berger. B-Monticule (KY). T-Joan Scott.

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Central U.S.

Notional Relocated to Oklahoma:

Multiple graded stakes winner **Notional** (In Excess {Ire}--Truly Blessed, by French Deputy) has been moved to stand the 2014 season at Rockin' Z Ranch in Beggs, Oklahoma. He will stand for a fee of \$2,000 as the property of Clark Brewster and Rockin' Z Ranch's owner Dr. Robert Zoellner. Runner-up behind Scat Daddy (Johannesburg) in the 2007 GI Florida Derby, the bay captured 2007 GII San Rafael S., GIII Risen Star S. during his sophomore season and added GIII Salvator Mile H. the following year. He retired with a lifetime record of 12-4-1-2 and earnings of \$733,240. From two crops to race, Notional has sired 33 winners, including three black-type winners, and the earners of \$1.1 million. Notional previously stood at Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky.

INDUSTRY INFO

Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit:

Edited Press Release

The fifth Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit will be held July 8-9 in the Keeneland sales pavillion, the Jockey Club and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation announced. It will be underwritten and coordinated by The Jockey Club and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and hosted by the Keeneland Association. The two-day workshop brings together a wide cross-section of the breeding, racing and veterinary communities. "We owe it to our athletes, both equine and human, to do all we can to ensure their safety, and convening this summit to exchange ideas and develop new programs is one of the best ways we can do that," said Edward L. Bowen, president of the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation.

**Industry Info cont.**

The summit is open to the public and a live webcast will also be available. "The safety and welfare of our athletes is unquestionably priority No. 1," said Keeneland President & CEO Bill Thomason. "Keeneland is proud to host this summit which has, in its brief history, a proven track record of successfully advancing initiatives that are vital to the integrity and health of racing." A formal agenda and a list of speakers will be announced at a later date. Among the major accomplishments that have evolved from the previous four summits are the Equine and Jockey Injury Databases; the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory; a uniform trainer test and study guide; the publication of stallion durability statistics; and the movement by state racing commissions to create regulations that void the claim of horses suffering fatalities during the conduct of the race.

Zayat Stables to Appear on CNBC's "Super Rich":

Zayat Stables' president Justin Zayat will be featured on the premiere episode of CNBC's series "Super Rich," which airs Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 9 p.m. "I'm so blessed to have the opportunities I've had in the racing industry," said Zayat. "This is a testament to my amazing parents who have laid a foundation for my life in racing. I am most looking forward to this being a chance to bring the sport of horse racing to more people. I agreed to do this show because I knew it could bring new owners and fans to the sport that has given me more than I could ever ask for." The show followed the 21-year-old New York University student to Santa Anita for the Breeders' Cup, where Paynter (Awesome Again) was running in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic and Justin Phillip (First Samurai) and Fast Bullet (Speightstown) were running in the GI Breeders Cup Sprint. Owned by Justin Zayat's father Ahmed Zayat, Zayat Stables has turned out Grade I winning stars such as Bodemeister (Empire Maker), Eskendereya (Giant's Causeway), and Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker).

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IN SUMMATION (Put It Back), Ocala Stud, \$4K, 110/13/0
 2-GP, Msw, 6f, Gemsum, \$32K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
 5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Yes, \$27K RNA BAR MAR 2yo, 8-5
 2-GP, Msw, 6f, Puntrooskie, \$62K OBS OPN 2yo, 3-1

ON EAGLES WINGS (Gone West), Beau Ridge Farm, \$1000, 12/2/0
 5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, On Ghosts Wings, 5-2

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Britain

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-LIN, £4,500, Mdn, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:12 1/5, ft.
GONE WITH THE WIND (GER) (c, 3, Dutch Art {GB}--Gallivant {GB}, by Danehill), an €80,000 GOFNOV weanling and 115,000gns TATOCT yearling, was fifth on debut over seven furlongs at Kempton in November and soon tracked the steady early tempo. In front approaching the furlong pole, the 7-4 pick was driven out to hold Android (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) by a neck. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,068. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com](#).

O-Susan Roy. B-Graf & Graf von Stauffenberg (GER). T-Jeremy Nosedá.

2nd-KMP, £4,000, Mdn, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT), 1:26 4/5, ft.

PLATINUM PEARL (GB) (f, 3, Shamardal--Gimasha {GB}, by Cadeaux Genereux), only seventh on her racecourse bow over this trip at Lingfield in December, raced prominently early. In front approaching the quarter pole, the 5-2 second choice was briefly headed by Arabian Music (Ire) (Kheleyf) but rallied to regain the advantage in the final strides and score by a head. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,588. [VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK](#). O-Ziad A Galadari. B-Galadari Sons Stud Company Limited (GB). T-Peter Chapple-Hyam.

3rd-KMP, £4,000, Mdn, 4/up, 11f (AWT), 2:30 1/5, ft.
SAGESSE (GB) (f, 4, Smart Strike--Summer Night {GB}, by Nashwan), who was fourth on her belated debut over nine furlongs at Wolverhampton in August, was allowed a soft lead throughout the early stages. Game in front when challenged in the stretch, the 5-2 second favorite asserted late on to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Conserve (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}). The winner is a half to Songerie (GB) (Hernando {Fr}), GSW-Fr & GSP-Eng, \$109,664; Souvenance (GB) (Hernando {Fr}), SW & GSP-Ger, G1SP-Itly, GSP-Fr & Ire, \$208,866; Soft Morning (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), SW-Fr, GSP-Ire & SP-Eng, \$123,647; and Sourire (GB) (Domedriver {Ire}), SW-Swe. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,780. [VIDEO, courtesy Racing UK](#).

O/B-Miss K Rausing (GB). T-Sir Mark Prescott Bt.

A posse of early winners...

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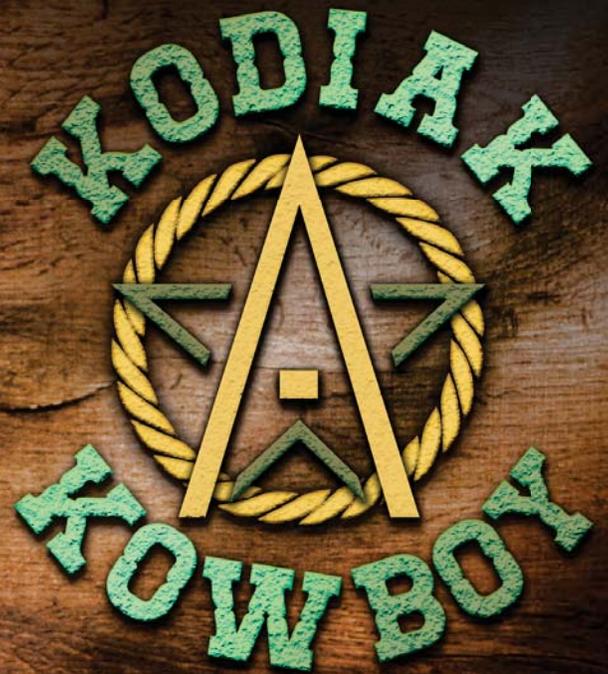
KELLY'S ENDEAVOUR

MSW winner by 7

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MSW winner by 5,
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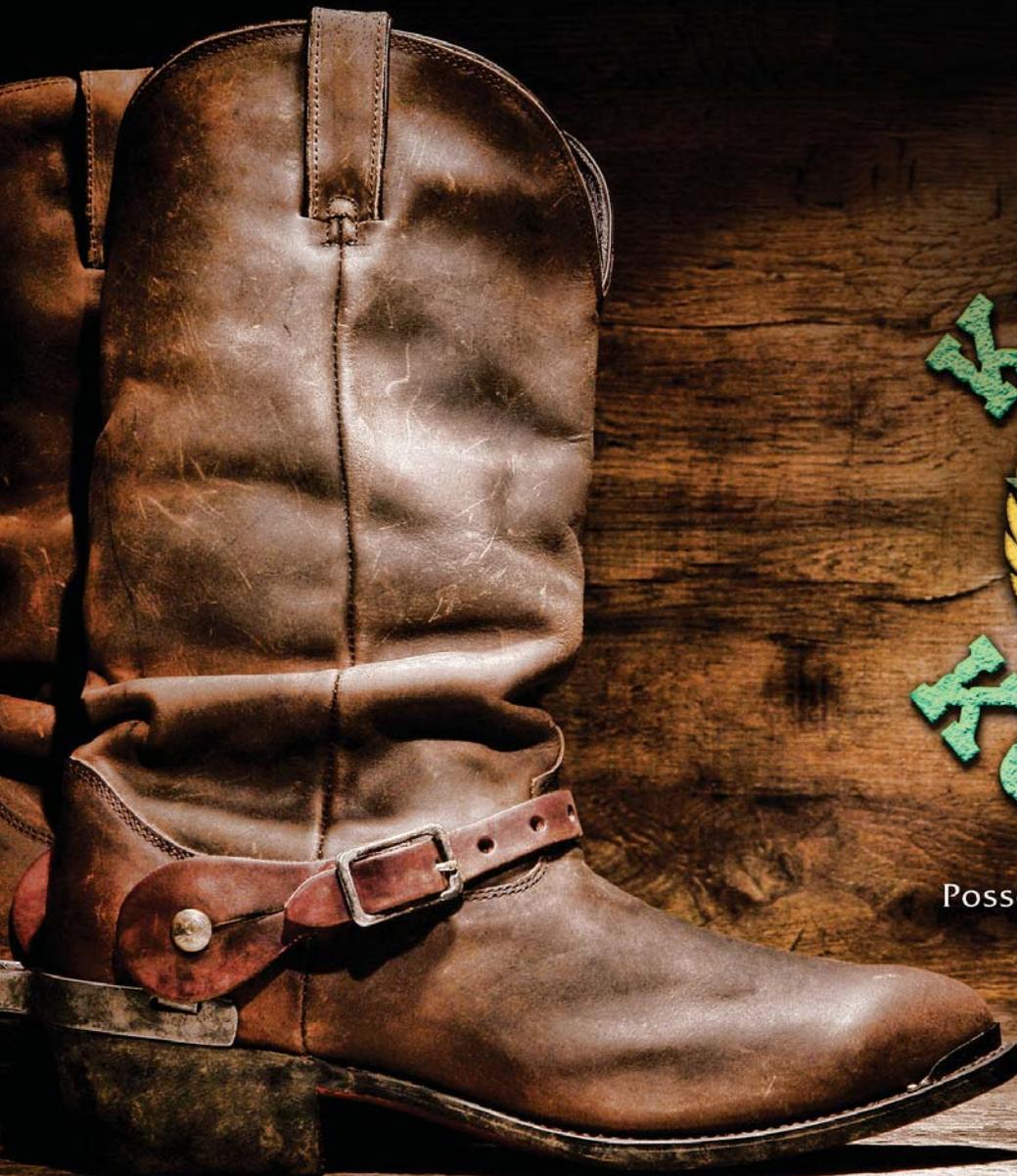
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Asia

Yesterday's Results:

T.C.K. JO-OH HAI-Listed, ¥37,400,000, Oi, 1-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 1800m, 1:51.40, gd.
 1--**MEDEIA (JPN)**, 126, m, 6, **King Halo (Jpn)**--**Witchful Thinking (MGSW-US, \$946,844)**, by Lord Avie.
 O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Oiwake Farm; T-Kauzhide Sasada; J-Suguru Hamanaka; ¥22,000,000.
 Lifetime Record: 19-10-3-2. * 1/2 to Lofty Aim (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), SW, \$955,573.
 2--**Wild Flapper (Jpn)**, 121, m, 5, Ghostzapper--Smok'n Frolic, by Smoke Glacken. O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; ¥7,700,000.
 3--**Colorful Days (Jpn)**, 123, m, 6, Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)--Ivory Color (Jpn), by Kurofune. O-Sunday Racing; B-Shiraai Farm; ¥4,400,000.
 Margins: 2HF, 5, HF. Odds: 0.40, 1.70, 39.60.
 Click for the [JRA chart and video](#).

Ireland

HRI Pens Broadcasting Deal:

RTE Sport and Horse Racing Ireland have agreed to a new four-year broadcasting deal for live coverage of Irish horse racing. RTE will broadcast a minimum of 24 days of live racing, and will also offer simulcast coverage on RTE.ie and RTE Player within the Republic of Ireland. Select coverage in 2014 will be in High Definition, and all coverage from 2015 on will be in HD. "This is a very exciting time for Irish racing with our horses, trainers and riders enjoying great success at the major meetings worldwide," Brian Kavanagh, Chief Executive of HRI, said. "RTE have always been great partners of Irish racing and have consistently broadcast our most important meetings to the highest standards. We are delighted that this will continue through to 2017 by way of this new four year deal with the national broadcaster. The move to High Definition in 2014 will be a real winner alright for RTE viewers."

ITBA Awards Saturday Evening:

The Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' National Breeding and Racing Awards will be held this Saturday evening at Heritage Golf & Spa Resort, Killenard, Co. Laois. Among those to be honored are the breeders of Annie Power (Ire) (Shirocco {Ger}), Bobs Worth (Ire) (Bob Back), Chriselliam (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Dawn Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), Hurricane Fly (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), Jezki (Ire) (Milan {GB}), Military Attack (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), Olympic Glory (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), Our Conor (Ire) (Jeremy), Sky Lantern (Ire) (Red Clubs {Ire}) and Toormore (Ire) (Arakan). Pat Costello, of Paramount Sales in Kentucky, will receive the 2013 "Wild Geese Award," given to an Irish breeder who has represented his or her country with success on the international stage. The awards will be streamed live at www.irishsport.tv starting at 10:15 p.m. local time.



EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Chater Dream (GB), g, 5, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Rose Melody (Ire) (MSP-Fr), by Galileo (Ire). Happy Valley, 1-22, Hcp. (\$181k), 1650mT, 1:40.25. B-Ecurie Des Monceaux. *Formerly Hard Dream (Ire). **€300,000 yrl '10 ARQOCT. ***GSW-Fr.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dial Up, c, 3, **Too Much Bling**--Tuned In (SW, \$115,055), by Valid Expectations. HOU, 1-21, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5. B-W S Farish (TX).

• ON THE WORKTAB •

GULFSTREAM PARK

Wildcat Lily (D'wildcat), 3f, :35.62, 2/7

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Eblouissante (Bernardini), 4f, :47.80, 1/18
 Golden Itiz (Tiznow), 4f, :49.40, 11/18

SANTA ANITA

Awesome Baby (Awesome Again), 6f, 1:14.00, 7/11
 Drill (Lawyer Ron), 5f, 1:00.60, 7/33
 Willyconker (Ire) (Pyrus), 5f, 1:00.60, 7/33

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULT:

BRITAIN, 4th-LIN, £19,000, 4yo/up, 2m (AWT), 3:16 3/5, ft.

ARCH VILLAIN (IRE) (g, 5, **Arch**--**Barzah {Ire} {SP-Eng}**, by **Darshaan {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 20-7-1-3, £63,591. O-Mr & Mrs F Cotton, Mr & Mrs P Conway. B-Summerhill Bloodstock (IRE). T-Amanda Perrett. *60,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT. **1/2 to Thubiaan (Dynaformer), SP-Aus.

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